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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Catholic Pope's Claim To Christ's Authority Is Blasphemous Fraud

"Letter to a Roman Catholic Friend Continued From Last Week."

(1) The Authority Claimed by the Church Is Blasphemous, (2) Taking Away the Spiritual Unity of Born-Again Bible Believers, (3) Enslaving Catholic People, (4) No True Roman Catholic Is Sure of Heaven. (5) Usurping the Authority of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

By Evangelist John R. Rice

In last week's SWORD we published part of a letter to "Dear Catholic Friend." Be sure to keep that paper and review the article showing how unscriptural are the Roman Catholic images, prayers to Mary, the mass, the priesthood and the papacy. Now continue the letter.

### 1. The Authority Claimed by the Catholic Church Is Blasphemous and Unchristian

The pope claims (in this modern dogma of the Catholic Church, which has developed particularly since the fourth Lateran Council in A.D. 70, when papal infallibility was adopted as a dogma of the church) to be the vicegerent of God on earth, claims to speak with the authority of God, claims that when he and priests under him speak officially, it is God speaking. And you say, "His church represents Him (and you mean the Roman Catholic Church or hierarchy) just as He so stated 'as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' But

you certainly read the Scripture very carelessly. Individual Christians represent Christ. It was not to "the church," some super-duper world-wide organization, that Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"; it was to a group of individuals and He breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." And that day the Holy Spirit moved into the body of Christians to live and to represent Christ on earth.

The Holy Spirit Himself is Christ's own personal representative, His vicegerent on earth. And so the Bible carefully teaches. The Lord Jesus said nothing about breathing on the Roman Catholic Church the day He rose from the dead. There was no such church then. Such an idea among New Testament Christians was not even thought of.

And though there was a local group of Christians, He was not speaking to the group as an entity,

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## The Preciousness of Jesus

By R. T. Ketcham, D.D., LL.D.  
National Consultant GARB Convention

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious...." —I Peter 2:7.

The word "precious" occurs several times in the epistles of Peter. There are at least five things to which Peter refers with the adjective "precious." It is as though the Spirit of God dipped His hand into a great jewel casket of gems of Divinity, and held up to our wondering gaze five of the most beautiful of all of them.

In I Peter 1:7 we read: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

In I Peter 1:18 and 19 we read: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

In I Peter 2:7 we read: "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious."

In II Peter 1:1 we read: "To them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

In II Peter 1:4 we read: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Here are the five precious gems which sparkle with heavenly radiance: The precious faith, the precious trial of faith, the precious Person, the precious blood, and the precious promises.

We need to pause here long enough to define preciousness.

But let's change the scene for a moment. Suppose you are wandering in a lost and dazed condition in the midst of the Sahara Desert. Your food and water supplies have long since been exhausted.

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Dr. R. T. Ketcham

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The Apostle Paul lived in a constant state of enthusiasm for God. He was always in high gear. He visited the city of Philippi and sat on the river banks. Lydia, a seller of purple, saw him, and recalling something she had heard him preach, believed and was baptized. He had only to walk the streets, and a girl possessed with a "spirit of divination," or, as we would say, "possessed of the devil," rushed at him mockingly, and sneeringly cried out: "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." Paul, moved with combined pity for the girl and hatred for the devil, cried: "... come out of her," and the devils departed. When her masters saw what had happened, they knew that the hope of their gain was gone.

As long as the evil spirits were possessing this girl, she was their

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It is after the evening service now, Monday night, August 14. I am at the Ontario Bible Conference near Oswego, New York. I have just heard my old friend and greatly loved brother, Dr. Andrew Telford, preach a fervent, scriptural sermon on "Why Christians Are Not Strong."

It is cool here on the shore of Lake Ontario in Northern New York State. Last night it took two quilts, a sheet and coverlet to keep me warm.

Sunday morning I preached with Brother Popp at the Colosse Baptist Church. The small church was packed. Two teen-agers were saved. Many Christians set themselves to soul winning. And I believe God will save some souls through them.

I will be here through Friday noon, then will fly back to Wheaton, will have Saturday in the office to finish up SWORD copy and make some broadcasts, and then Sunday, God willing, Mrs. Rice and I, "Aunt Mary" Himes and Chuck Himes and son, Johnny, will drive to Murfreesboro for the SWORD conference for whole families next week.

#### With Dr. Ford Porter, Sunday, September 3

It is a great joy to plan to be with Dr. Ford Porter in the Berean Baptist Church at Indianapolis on Sunday, September 3. Then on Monday I will speak at their Labor Day men's conference before driving to Danville, Illinois, to speak afternoon and evening with men of the First Baptist Church of Danville.

Dr. Ford Porter has been a friend of some thirty years. We are proud to have him on the Board of Sword of the Lord Foundation. His remarkable tract, *God's Simple Plan of Salvation*, has been printed in millions of copies in some fifty languages. Thank God he always stands true in doctrine and principle where THE SWORD OF THE LORD stands—for Christ and the Bible, for the fundamentals of the Christian faith, for separation from modernism and unbelief, and for soul winning as the main business of a Christian.

And that leads me to thank God for the remarkably useful men on the Sword of the Lord Foundation Board. Look again at

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the names of those men as listed each week on the masthead on page two. These men represent the soundest Christian schools in America: Bob Jones University, Tennessee Temple Schools, Pillsbury College, Central Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, the Midwestern Baptist Schools at Pontiac, the San Francisco Baptist Seminary, the Baptist Bible College at Springfield, and the Talbot Theological Seminary. These men represent three of the largest Sunday Schools in the world, running from three thousand to five thousand in attendance. These men represent what we believe to be three of the greatest soul-winning churches in the world with more converts won and baptized.

There are some people who do not like THE SWORD OF THE LORD and do not back it, but thank God, some of the greatest soul winners and educators and Christian leaders in America do back THE SWORD OF THE LORD. For them we thank God, and for them, of course, we pray every day.

#### We Expect a Tremendous Conference at Danville, Illinois

Tuesday morning after Labor Day, we begin a four-day SWORD of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at the fine First Baptist Church, Danville, Illinois. The pastor, Dr. McKnight, tells me that his ministry was transformed in the SWORD of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Denver some years ago. He has urgently written hundreds of pastors in Indiana and Illinois inviting them personally to attend this conference. Speakers will include Dr. Jack Hyles, Dr. Tom Malone, Evangelist Walt Handford and this editor, and there will be tremendous

This is another reminder of Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The application of this truth is not limited to damnation and Hell for Christ-rejectors, but in everyday principles of our work-a-day world. Cigarettes and whiskey are "tension producers" of major proportions which find their way with disastrous mental, emotional and physical results in the individual's life.

Yes, it pays to live purely.

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#### Rumblings in the Grass Roots

The dean of all Hollywood critics, Hedda Hopper, recently stated that she has been receiving the greatest "flood of irate mail" that she has received "in more than twenty years of writing columns." Inspired by the latest Oscar awards, she called them "intelligent protests" accompanied "nine times out of ten" by "critical clippings from their local papers." She was very careful to state that the letters were not the "petty objections of the narrow-minded."

Miss Hopper quoted a lady in Mississippi as asking, "Has the industry been taken over by degenerates and demoralized people who think the average movie-goer of the past will watch these perverted pictures forever? . . . The American public is tired of TV but they are refusing to pay to see these movies filled with obscenity, profanity, drinking and excessive nudity, to say nothing of extreme violence."

A lady from North Hollywood—a community made up largely of workers in the movie industry—was quoted as asking: "What must the rest of this tired old world think of us? Is it any wonder the Communists are making the advance they are?"

A San Francisco mother wrote to object: "We are repulsed by the current 'adult' movies which ridicule the very standards we live for. We are sick of seeing promiscuity, prostitution, adultery and violence. As young parents we are deeply concerned: Is this all we have to offer our children?"

Perhaps the reason why this industry, which has always stooped to depraved depths in glorifying sin, has recently redoubled and intensified its depravity is seen by a recent statement made by Hollywood actor Ronald Reagan, a man certainly in a position to know.

Reagan, who is president of the Screen Actor's Guild, during a speech before the 24th annual Supermarket Institute, said that communists were "crawling out of the rocks" in Hollywood. He declared that the Communist Party "has ordered once again" an all-out infiltration of motion picture and TV industry.

Reagan said, "We in Hollywood broke their power once but it was only an isolated battle. Memories

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## INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By  
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### Purity Pays

Dr. Desmond O'Neill, one of Britain's best-known industrial psychiatrists, recently told a conference dealing with the health of executives that the job plays only a minor part in building up an executive's tensions. He explained that the stresses come principally from "the battle for prestige (status seeking), rivalry with equals, too much red tape, loss of contact with his staff beneath and 'drug addiction.'" The last point, which he called "tension-producer plus," was described by Dr. O'Neill as "the fag and the bottle," that is "cigarettes and liquor." These tensions result in about forty "disorders," half of them mental and emotional problems, the other half resulting in physical setbacks.

Dr. O'Neill both described the answer to the problem as lying in a cleanup of personal habits, in guarding both office and home conduct, and in recognizing the tension.

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## The American Negro

By Congressman N. M. Mason (R-Ill.)

The American Negro has made more progress up the economic ladder in the last 100 years than any other race—white, yellow, or red—ever made in 1,000 years of history. From a condition of absolute slavery 100 years ago, the American Negro has risen to the point where he now fares better than many Europeans, better than any other members of the Negro race anywhere—better paid, better housed, and better educated. From slavery, ignorance, and life in primitive shacks, to an economic status superior to the average Frenchman, the average Italian, and the average citizen of West Germany, the American Negro has traveled upward with seven-league boots.

Today the 19 million American Negroes have a total yearly income of more than \$20 billion. This means, on an average, more than \$1,000 a year for every Negro man, woman and child in the country. When we compare this with an average of \$650 per person per year in Western Europe; with an average of \$850 per person per year in France and

Western Germany; and with an average of \$1,000 per person per year in Great Britain, our American Negro is comparatively well-off.

In 1958 the American Negro who worked a full year earned a median income of \$3,308, meaning that half the Negro workers received more than this and half received less. That is more than the \$2,234 that the average worker in Great Britain receives, and more than four times the estimated \$800 that the average worker in the Soviet Union receives.

Twenty years ago the median income for the American Negro was \$639, less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  what he receives today. Evolution, not revolution, has brought about this remarkable change in the status of the American Negro. Why interfere with the natural evolutionary progress?

The truth is that progress toward both political and economic equality under the law is one of the remarkable achievements of the American Negro.



By Jessie Rice Sandberg

## Leather Carving

One of our projects in the craftshop at Camp Willabay this past summer was leather carving. There were all kinds of leather objects to make—coin purses, wallets, autograph books and picture holders, etc. The first few days of each camp session we had a class in leather carving so that even the children who had never done leatherwork before would know exactly what to do. It was fun to watch the excitement with which the boys and girls started making gifts for all the folks at home.

Most of the children listened very carefully as the instructions were given for dampening the leather and tracing the design to be carved. Those who did nearly always had smiles of pleasure when they saw the design they were about to carve neatly reproduced on the fresh, new slab of leather. Of course there were some who were always in such a hurry to see how everything would turn out that they did not trace slowly enough or carefully enough. They found that they had let the pattern slip so that the design was garbled or incomplete.

Where the design had been carefully copied, the next step—that of actually cutting the design into the leather—was usually not a difficult one. We showed each one exactly how to hold the tool, how deeply to cut, how to cut curves as well as straight edges. When the boys and girls took the time to practice a few strokes before

being as short as they are, there are plenty of well-meaning but misguided people willing to give them a hand."

At any rate, Khrushchev could not be any more pleased with Hollywood productions and what they are doing in demoralizing our nation than if he personally produced each picture coming out of Hollywood. We can only hope and pray that America will wake up before it is too late!

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### Von Braun and Life after Death

A feature writer in the *Dallas Times Herald*, Weldon Owens, had some very interesting remarks in his column some weeks back dealing with Dr. Werner von Braun and life after death. I felt my readers would be interested in the

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actually cutting into their leather, all went well. Some did not have the skill of the others, and there were mistakes made here and there, but usually the mistakes could be camouflaged with the help of those of us who were teaching.

The next step, which the children always enjoyed most, was that of stamping in the fine details of the design—the background, the delicate centers of the flowers, the veins of the leaves. Occasionally at this point, a child got so excited with all the fascinating shapes and styles of stamping tools at his disposal that he wanted to experiment with them all. He completely disregarded the pattern he was following and filled all the available space on the leather with unrelated symbols. When this happened, the instructor, no matter how skilled, usually had a hard time restoring the piece to any kind of usefulness. The child had sacrificed the beauty of the final project for the rather fleeting pleasure of having "tried" everything. I always felt a little sad when this happened—not only because the money and time had been wasted, but because the child had missed the tremendous satisfaction of taking home something which he had made carefully and well, to be praised and admired by his loved ones at home.

What an apt picture of our lives and efforts! Our Heavenly Instructor has given us a perfect design to follow. Sometimes, even when the pattern—traced in the soft impressions of youth—is garbled, the Lord in mercy takes the carving knife and cuts the design not as it is traced, but as it ought to be. Even the unskilled hand, when guided by His hand, can cut the pattern right. How sad it is when a life, having once been traced and cut to a design of usefulness and blessing, is then wantonly stamped with the symbols of self-will and sin. The pleasure of a little temporary experimenting with sin has irretrievably spoiled the perfect piece. No matter how diligently one attempts to smooth over and blot out and minimize, the damage has been done; the scars will show.

Are you tempted to do a little stamping of your own design today? Wait—follow the pattern—the blessed Word of God!

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# Desegregation Needs Christian Restraint, Love, Law Abiding

By the Editor

It seems wise to quote here important material from other magazines and newspapers and a Congressman on the question of desegregation. Good Christians all want Negroes to have the full rights of citizens before the law. Christians will count other born-again Christians as brothers and sisters, no matter what color their skin.

But there are many problems to be solved if American Negroes are to continue their advance into a place of really first-class citizenship. As long as illegitimacy and venereal disease are from five to ten times as frequent among colored people as among white people, it will take more than law enforcement to make first-class citizens. Good people, white and black, have been working to do away with injustice, to help Negroes morally, spiritually, economically, educationally and otherwise, without violence and without hate.

On the other hand, communists, socialists, modernists who have forsaken the Gospel of Christ for the so-called "social Gospel" of Karl Marx, the father of communism, have done infinitely more harm than good. They have created hate, they have abused good people, they have encouraged law-breaking, they have made false issues. The bayonets and gun butts at Little Rock, Arkansas, against law-abiding citizens, hurt Christian fellowship and hurt American prestige and hurt race relationships more than all the slowly-

being-solved problems of getting illiterate Negroes to vote or getting Negroes to sit beside white people in schools, to date white people or live beside them.

Both the former president of the National Council of Churches, Modernist Eugene Carson Blake, and Nikita Khrushchev of Russia would both enjoy seeing tanks and bloodshed over racial problems. But good citizens and good Christians, white and black, do not want that.

Last week there was a flare-up of race trouble in one of the forest reserves near Chicago with hundreds of people involved, white and black, and many were arrested. Negroes were arrested for law violation and trespassing and inciting violence. There is more of that in Chicago than in any Southern city. The more hate and violence is encouraged, the more lawlessness is smiled upon, the poorer will be the outcome for America.

There has been more violence in Chicago, more oppression in Chicago in the hoodlum-dominated cab drivers union than Negroes have suffered in any southern city. Hoffa, the criminal teamster boss, has violated the rights of more people, brought about more injustice than racial problems in all the South in a like period of time. Why cannot Christians be patient and use decent restraint and Christian love and abide by the laws while good people work out the problems of desegregation?

## NO NEGROES ALLOWED

The New York Times is one of the greatest newspapers in the world. It may be, everything considered, the greatest. Its editorials are not much, with an exception now and then. They are designed to be to the paper what lemonade is to a lawn party. But nobody beats the Times gathering and publishing news. And no paper has two columnists that can keep up with the Times' James Reston and Arthur Krock.

In these days, the Times great domestic burden is togetherness and integration, and very particularly integration. It lives in a perpetual state of mortification because Whites and Negroes in the South are not constantly seen cheek by jowl. The Times simply can't understand such primitive concepts as the South manifests on this question.

We have before us the Society section of the New York Times for Sunday, June 25. (We guard our social prestige.) The Society section here begins on page 66 and winds up on page 74. That's nine big New York Times pages.

In this section there are 39 pictures of lovely brides and brides-to-be.

Of these 39 pictures, how many Negro women are there?

Not nary a one.

From Bible Baptist Tribune

## Bishop Wishes He Could Join Riders

The Indianapolis Star, July 16, 1961, stated, "Indiana" Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis said yesterday he wished he was young enough to join the Freedom Riders along with a son who was jailed for his part in the desegregation demonstration. The bishop's son, the Rev. John C. Raines of Sekauet, New York, was jailed for two nights last week at Little Rock, Arkansas, and was released on a suspended sentence of six months in jail and a \$500 fine for disturbing the peace . . . the bishop said, "If I were a college student and younger, I too would be among the freedom riders." Senator Olin D. Johnson is quoted in the People's World about the Freedom Riders, on July 8, 1961, "There is a communist conspiracy behind the movement." Senator Strom Thurmond in same issue is quoted, that CORE, which sponsors the Freedom Riders, "is itself a communist infested organization." Bishop Raines opened Billy Graham's Indianapolis Crusade on October 7, 1959, with prayer. The Christian Advocate of January 15, 1942 quotes him, "Now we believe that those great faiths—Mohammedanism, Confucianism, and Buddhism—were honest and sincere expressions of man's hunger and search for God, and, in a measure, successful.

—From Blu-Print

Protestant Episcopal Church, the commission's report as yet having no higher approval, however.

The United Presbyterian General Assembly a few days ago passed a resolution stating that it "commands and encourages" the efforts to "bring about equality for all"; this presumably referring to the "freedom riders," "sit-ins" and similar activities.

The National Council of Churches, acting through its General Board (where 20 votes out of 272 members constitute a quorum), also has approved the "sit-in" type of demonstration. The NCC is made up of 34 Protestant denominations which it publicly claims to "represent," although it carefully avoids any contention of "committing" the 39,000,000 members of the constituent denominations.

Perhaps, in view of the fact that he was only following the lead of such national religious groups, the youthful and obviously intellectually immature Mr. Gleason should not be criticized too harshly.

But dangerous situations can arise—and already have arisen, especially in Alabama—when small groups of individuals who are guiding authorities of tremendously large religious groups take it unto themselves to determine when and even where normal and

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## 6 Churches to Withhold Funds

MONTGOMERY (AP)—A spokesman at Alabama Baptist Headquarters Friday said six Baptist churches in the state have voted to withhold funds from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the churches acted because the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at the Louisville, Ky., institution last April 19.

Churches named at taking the action are Highland Avenue Baptist in Montgomery; First Baptist and Beulah Baptist in Dothan; the First Baptist Church of Columbia, 20 miles east of Dothan; and rural churches in Elmore and Dallas counties.

Alabama churches contributed about \$45,000 to the seminary last year, the spokesman said.

(From Mobile, Alabama, Register, for July 23, 1961.)

"Jesus, 'Rock of Ages,' let me hide in Thee."

Jesus, 'Rose of Sharon,' sweet Thou art to me;

'Lily of the Valley,' 'Bright and Morning Star,'

Fairest of ten thousand to my soul."

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Long-standing statutes of states and cities against established misdemeanors or felonies can be broken "righteously" in order to further a social objective which is both advocated and opposed by many.

Only a few days ago, New York City police forcibly removed "sitting" who planted themselves in the office of a theater-operation concern. No ministers there or else-where have protested, so far as we know.

Is it possible that enforcement of laws against trespass is locked on as violating "Christian principles" when it takes place in the South, but not when it takes place in the North?

## Ministers, Churches And 'Riders'

[An editorial in the June 9 issue of the Shreveport (La.) Times.]

The Rev. Richard Gleason, 24-year-old Chicago minister who joined the "freedom riders" and then said he wished he hadn't, now says he was "misquoted" by the newspapers.

That is the old, old alibi, not only of politicians, but of others who get themselves into a jam through not having sense enough to say what they mean, or to know what they are talking about.

Of course newspapers make mistakes. The amazing thing about them is not the mistakes they make but the tremendous percentage of accuracy in all that they print—when it is considered that first, the information must be gathered; second, if it must be sifted to determine what is to be printed (a very small percentage of what is available); and then must be written, edited, headed, set in type, proofread, and printed to the extent of tens of thousands of words in every edition and delivered over a tremendous geographical area—all of this under terrific pressure of time.

But Mr. Gleason was not misquoted.

Twelve reporters and the Chief of Police of Jackson, Mississippi, listened to his statements. The 12 reporters took down his words in written notes. They have now compared their notes and find that they are in agreement on the points at issue. Mr. Gleason said what they said he said. The Chief of Police confirmed them.

Mr. Gleason said, in effect, in the original interview at Jackson, that he found atheists and undesirables among the "freedom riders" and that if he had known their character in advance he would not have made the journey. He said he would take no more "freedom rides." Later, in Chicago, Mr. Gleason also was quoted as saying that he had been "threat-

ened" as a result of his Jackson statements. His "I was misquoted" statement came after his revelation of the "threatening."

The whole trouble about Mr. Gleason is that he is too young and immature intellectually to know what he's dealing with in these "freedom rides." Yet he thinks he is competent to tell others what they should do.

Obviously, he is incapable of understanding the ultimate effect that could come from ministers participating in public law-violation and in taking part in steps which clearly might incite rioting, blood-shed and killing.

Further, while Mr. Gleason did find out the character of some of his co-riders in Alabama and Mississippi, apparently he did not find out all that was available. For example, he did not mention the fact that James Peck, one of the white "freedom riders" and a leader in the Montgomery affair, is an ex-convict who served a federal penitentiary sentence in this country for violation of the Selective Service Act in World War II. He also served a 60-day federal jail sentence in Honolulu for violation of an injunction against interference with American atomic tests on the island of Eniwetok.

Another ex-convict among the "freedom riders" Mr. Gleason may not have "learned about" is the Rev. James Lawson, a Negro preacher, who also served a federal prison sentence for violation of the Selective Service Act in War II.

Another leader in the group is a known communist front and active in pro-communist movements for many years.

The "freedom riders" are too new as a movement to have had official sanction of national church organizations as yet, but the

## "Too Much Rope"

[A letter to the Chicago Tribune]

Columbus Junction, Ia.—For the past few weeks Iowa has been experiencing open anarchy on the picket lines in Sioux City. Do our leading papers, who have been so thorough in their condemnation of the South and recent events in Alabama and Mississippi, give it their top billing? Not much they don't.

Do the national magazines send out their star photographic teams for headline pictures and stories? Not much they don't. Does Atty. Gen. Bobby Kennedy send his marshals to preserve order? Bobby happens to be looking the other way. Do the integration bleeding hearts pen their sad "letters to the editor"? They are just too busy with freedom riders.

Does the Supreme court make any of its vaunted "laws" to assure constitutional protection to American citizens who are trying to make an honest living for their families?

The entire country is in the pocket of organized labor and almost any kind of strike violence or intimidation is tolerated as a payoff to the politicians, including our national administration. It will not be surprising if "too much rope" not only hangs the unions, but unfortunately, America along with them.

Paul B. Smith

"rides" are developments of the "sit-ins," which have been widely endorsed by national church organizations. In between came the "line-ups" at segregated movie theaters, "kneel-ins" at segregated churches, and "wade-ins" at segregated beaches.

The "sit-in" movement began at Greensboro, North Carolina, on February 1, 1960. Since then one national church body after another has voiced encouragement. Among them are, according to George W. Cornell, religion writer for the Associated Press: The Methodist Church, the American Baptist Convention, the National Roman Catholic Conference for Inter-

racial Justice, the United Church of Christ Social Action Council and a study commission of the

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## Dr. Bob Jones Says:



There are thousands of graduates of Bob Jones University. Many of these are school teachers, many are housewives rearing children for God, and hundreds are preachers of the Gospel and missionaries on the foreign field; and they are uncompromising, orthodox, evangelical preachers and missionaries. My friends, we need your help. We need your prayers, and we need your financial assistance. We are endeavoring to keep down the price for room, board, tuition, and fees; but we have to have some more financial help to do this. Won't you please do three things for Bob Jones University? First: Pray daily as never before for the power of God upon the school. We

are going to stay true to Jesus Christ in this day of compromise, and we are going to do it regardless of the cost. Second: Keep your eyes open for the right kind of students who can be trained for real Christian leadership in the various walks of life. Third: Please invest some of God's money in the work of Bob Jones University. Remember, the blessing of God is on this institution; and we have no organization back of us. We need your financial help. Won't you please let us hear from you? Thank you, and God bless you.

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By Aunt Mary

School is starting soon and we are glad! Most boys and girls are tired of reading and loafing, biking and fishing and playing baseball, and are really anxious to get back to school.

Perhaps you are anxious for school to start only because you want to see friends who live too far away to see often during summer vacation. Perhaps you want to see a favorite teacher. These things are good. But I hope you are anxious too to get back to school work and learning.

When I was a girl I was always anxious for school to begin again in the fall, though I was as happy as any child when school had ended for the summer. But one fall I remember finding to my horror that I could scarcely write anymore. I always read lots in the summer time. Our own home was full of books, and we lived only a few blocks from the public library, and I always loved to read. During the summer I often read several books a week. But there was little need to write. I suppose I wrote a letter or two to a friend, and one to Grandmother Cooke to thank her for a birthday present. But weeks went by in which I hardly had to even write my name. What a shock it was to find that my writing, which had earned a writing certificate in the spring, was so terrible that I had to work hard to make it readable.

And so you may find this week that your handwriting has slipped, or that you have forgotten the multiplication table. Then pitch right in, review with a will—others have forgotten too, and good teachers usually spend some time in reviewing.

But did you just not learn last year what you should have? Then consider this a time of new beginning. You didn't really learn the "five times \_\_\_\_\_'s" last year when it was assigned? Then this year, while others are reviewing, you can spend just a little more time, learn the tables really well. Tell the Lord you are sorry for your loafing last year, and He will help you to make up for lost time.

Don't you think Christian boys and girls should be the best students in the room? I do! Boys and girls who love Jesus can have a help that others do not have. A boy who loves Jesus should be better prepared for any day's assignment than one who has not trusted Him for salvation.

Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of

the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." And Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

Now have you ever been tempted to cheat? If you call it by any other name it is just as bad. Surely a Christian should not be guilty of such a thing. If you have ever copied someone else's paper on a homework assignment, or on a test, I hope you have asked the Lord's forgiveness. Perhaps you ought also to ask the teacher to forgive you.

But the hardest problem I ever faced about cheating may have bothered you, too. I usually knew my assignment, almost always did my homework. I don't remember ever being strongly tempted to copy someone else's paper on a test, partly because I knew it was wrong, and that I surely would be caught. Usually I was more sure of my own answers than of my neighbor's. But how hard it is when a schoolmate pokes one and says, "Hey, what is the answer to question ten?" When this happened to me I did know the answer to the question. And shouldn't one help a friend? If I didn't whisper back, the girl would be mad, wouldn't she, and the teacher didn't seem to be paying attention, anyhow.

That class in American history was hard for a whole semester because that girl behind me was always asking for help on tests. Through the whole semester I ignored her pokings and whispers. How much better if, the first time she asked for help, I had met her after class saying, "Natalie, I am sorry you didn't know the answers on the test. I would like to help you, but I am a Christian, and don't want to cheat. If you will come to my house after school I will be glad to help you study so you can earn a good grade honestly." Natalie would have felt friendlier, and I might have been able to win her to the Lord Jesus. I never did cheat school, I will be glad to help you the testimony I could have been.

A new school year, perhaps a new teacher, probably some new clothes. But "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Lean on Him, ask His help and serve Him with all your might.

## Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

**EVANGELIST CECIL PEACOCK**, P.O. Box 206, Bartow, Florida, held a revival July 5-16 in the Brooklyn Heights Baptist Church of Americus, Georgia. W. B. Windham, pastor, reports 1 profession of faith, 18 rededications, and 4 additions to the church by letter, in addition to a number of solid decision by other Christians about matters in their Christian lives. The pastor heartily recommends Brother Peacock for his uncompromising stand and his earnest soul winning. He has been invited back in October of this year for another meeting.

**EVANGELIST DON WILSON**, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a meeting June 28-July 8 at the Turbotville Baptist Church, Turbotville, Pennsylvania. Rev. Albert Arnold, pastor, reports 2 first-time decisions for Christ and 14 rededications. He especially recommends Evangelist Wilson for his informing the people concerning the issues of compromise in this day.

**EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN**, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, held a revival July 2-9 at the First Baptist Church of Ocoee, Florida. Rev. V. B. Hammons, pastor, reports 22 saved and 50 rededications, with the church genuinely stirred by the evangelist's messages.

Evangelist Duncan was also in a meeting in the True Gospel Baptist Church of Mayodan, North Carolina, July 25-30. There were 9 who came forward to accept Christ as Saviour, and 40 rededications, plus one man surrendering to preach. Rev. Troy Johnson, pastor, reports that the number of conversions and rededications does not really give a real picture of the revival. He says, "Our people were brought together in unity and challenged to witness, tithe, and follow the leadership of the pastor.

**EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER**, 5760 West 40th, Arvada, Colorado, writes to report a camp meeting at the Tetonogos Bible Camp between Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah. This was the second camp meeting in this area which is almost 98 per cent Mormon. There were 113 young people registered, plus 24 counselors and teachers. In the 8-day camp there were 91 saved, including 27 Mormon young people and adults.

**EVANGELIST MEL RUTTER**, P.O. Box 68, Natchez, Mississippi, writes to report five meetings held in Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas. During these revivals there were 25 professions of faith and 5 young people and 2 men and their families surrendered to go to the mission field.

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## Dr. Rice Saw It Happen . . .

By Viola Walden

As the dear Lord Jesus made us accountable to get the Gospel to every creature, so He has made us accountable for the safeguarding of Christians, for making soul winners, for defeating false cults and isms; made us responsible for saving Christians from modernism and infidelity.

I was greatly impressed by this sad story. Let Dr. Rice tell you what he saw happen in May of 1921 on the steps of Mandel Hall, then the chapel of the University of Chicago.

"We had just heard a professor of the University in a lecture which denied the authority and reliability of the Bible, denied the fundamentals of the Christian faith. As a young college teacher I saw I had to learn to defend the Bible.

"As the crowd melted away, two boys, only seventeen years old, stood on the steps and argued warmly. Both were freshman students in the University. One was the son of a modernist. The other was the son of a missionary teacher in Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey. Here is their conversation as well as I can remember it.

"The missionary's son, with trembling lips and with a hint of tears in his eyes, said, 'But I have always thought the Bible was the very Word of God! I understood that God gave the Bible, and that everything in it was true. I think that is what my father believes!'

"But the other mocked him and said, in effect, 'Well, you have to get away from those old-fogy ideas here. You will soon learn that modern people no longer believe the Bible. Scientists have proven that it is not true. Didn't you hear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ today say that the Bible is not all true?'

"But the missionary's son continued, 'I wish my father were here. He would tell me the truth. I don't know what to believe!'

"The other lad scoffed at his tears and urged him to be an independent thinker such as the University professors were.

"The missionary's son dried his eyes and said, 'Well I suppose you're right. My father sent me



here to school and he must have thought the teaching here was all right. I guess a fellow just has to grow up. One cannot hold to one's childish view all of one's life.'

"I saw him turn sadly away. I knew that he had given up faith in the Bible, faith in the deity of Christ, faith in his father's God. I approached him and protested, but I was a stranger, I was young and unknown, not to be believed against the professor. And so the lad with wrecked faith went away. Oh, if he only knew how he was engraved on my heart and how I have grieved over him for over thirty-five years!"

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**EVANGELIST HUGH F. PYLE**, P.O. Box 625, Panama City, Florida, was the guest preacher at the Ranch O' The Pines near Pensacola, Florida, July 17-22. Forty-one teen-agers made professions of faith in Christ with a number of others rededicating their lives to the Lord. One night after a sermon on sin, almost the entire camp took a public stand against sin and worldliness. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garlock of Bob Jones University were music directors for the camp. The able directors of Ranch O' The Pines are Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Horton of Pensacola.

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following quote from the column: "Results of a survey conducted among members of the Association of American Scientists showed that the great science minds of our nation are being humbled by the vast expanse of constant revelations originating with nuclear fission."

"Most of them agreed that there is some form of life after death. Said Dr. von Braun (his exact words):

"We are sure today that everything is finally transformed. Even grass, rocks and so on. Science has found that nothing can disappear without leaving a trace."

"Then if God applies this simple law to the most insignificant and minute parts of His creation, certainly it makes good sense to presume that He would apply the same law to the very masterpiece of His creation—the human soul."

"Everything that science has taught me, and everything that science continues to teach me, strengthens my belief that there is spiritual life after physical death."

Job, you will remember, declared: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the

earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me" (Job 19:25-27).

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Tell me what you gave to-day

A fettered soul to free.

Don't tell the dreams you have

Of conquest still afar;

Don't say what you hope to be  
But tell me what you are.

—Sel.

# Have I Done All I Ought to Do?

By Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

That is a question that requires a thoughtful answer, doesn't it? "Have I done everything I ought to do?" Going out the door you stop and think, Have I forgotten something? That is a sentence which should cause a conscientious person to make a mental checkup. It is the wise person who makes it a practice of asking this question of himself. By checking ourselves, we avoid the cry of despair, "If only I had done more! If only I had done what I should have done!"

For the Christian, these are words of great importance, for the word "ought" is a powerful one to those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. We must constantly ask ourselves this question: "Have I done everything I ought to do about witnessing to my neighbors? Have I done all I should do to help my preacher, to support the work of my church? Have I done all I can to help get the Gospel out?"

Maybe you have done all you can do and ought to do. Most of us will have to answer, "No, I haven't. I can do more; I must do more, and by God's grace, I will do more for God than I have before."

One way of fulfilling these duties of a Christian is to send subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and distribute Sword literature far and wide.

These letters printed below are some examples of what a subscription, or a book has done for someone else's loved ones; they can as well be yours.

## Unsaved Indonesian Girl, Whose Parents Are Moslem, Reads "Wonderful Sermons in the Sword"

An air mail letter written June 16 came from Indonesia. Miss Sukapti says she wants to be a good Christian, tells us that on June 5 she wrote that she was a great sinner and needed a Saviour. No doubt we got a letter off to her immediately on how to trust the Lord. In this letter she says further: "I am an Indonesian girl that never knew about sinners and the Lord Jesus Christ. For my parents are Moslems, so I never read the Holy Bible. My brother said to me, 'You must be a Christian, cause Moslems are lost peo-

ple.' I read your SWORD OF THE LORD and there are many wonderful sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Again and again that sermons tell me that my sins are many . . . Join us in earnest prayer for this dear girl's salvation.

## Sword Really Gets a "Work Out" in This Home!

This friend is really on the ball! First, she tells how her son, Don, a second-year student at Bob Jones University, subscribed to THE SWORD for her as a gift. She tells how she reads every word. Then "it will interest you," she says, "to know that I have used THE SWORD in teaching Bible School; Don uses it to prepare sermons; I have sent it to an unsaved aunt in California; I've sent sermons from it on capital punishment to the Governor of Pennsylvania; have passed along issues of it concerning the National Council of Churches to our old pastor . . ." She ordered 100 "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" saying that she desires to get the booklet into the hands of 100 unsaved folks in her small community.

We wish hundreds of others would be as concerned as Mrs. Donald Mackay of Linesville, Pennsylvania, is to get the Gospel and pertinent articles into the hands of pastors, governors, and the unsaved. She is a busy woman, cares for an invalid mother, and her husband is a disabled war veteran.

## "I Would Count It a Very Privileged Honor to Wash Your (Dr. Rice's) Feet and Dry Them With My Best Shirt"

Mr. A. A. Halt sent in an order and wrote a most interesting letter. He lives at Cambridge, New Brunswick. After saying THE SWORD is the best paper he has ever read, he continues:

"If you know of any other Christian paper that will cause teardrops to fall while one drinks of the rich spiritual honey found in your SWORD OF THE LORD, please do mail me a copy . . . I would count it a very privileged honor to wash your feet and dry them with my very best shirt, as only a grain of my loving gratitude for your standing ever so true to that sacred trust. Many times, when the going seemed impossible, even the very loved one seemed to endeavor in shaking off the last withered leaf; in clutching your true ambassador, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, I would flee to some quiet nook, perhaps a hay stack, or some hanging branch, and feast on the grand sermons preached by noble men . . ." This dear brother goes on to say that it has been his privilege to support four native pastors. What a heart he

has for getting out the Gospel to lost sinners! Thank you, Mr. Halt, for your encouraging words.

## Found Booklet in Rest Room; Wants Copies for Lost in Her Community

The Sword books and tracts are found in funny places. Mrs. Irvin Short of Coleman, Texas, wrote for information on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and said, "I found this copy in a rest room at a service station in Ft. Worth, Texas, some three years ago and it has helped me a lot. Now I have surrendered the remainder of my life to God for His service even though I can't go only in my community as I am fifty-two years old and am under treatment for cancer . . ." She asked how she could obtain other copies of this tract to distribute among lost people in her community.

So in my desperation I said, 'O God, what shall I do?' Praise the Lord, He spoke to me and said, 'The chicken coop.' I wrote my sister and here I am in a darling tiny house . . .

How many of us could praise the Lord if we had to live in a chicken coop? Oh, I feel so ashamed when I have everything I need and seem to sacrifice so little for my blessed Lord! We complain if we don't have everything just so! Shame on us, especially on me. How I would love to go see that dear lady in Ohio, and see her tiny little "chicken coop," and tell her what a blessing and challenge she was to my own life. She also sent \$1 for the radio broadcast.

## Court Reporter Supports Sword Because of Its Stand

The letterhead reads: Seventh Judicial Circuit of Michigan

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The letter is from Mr. Gibbons. (This is off the subject, but let me congratulate you, Mr. Gibbons, for flawless typing and a beautiful letter!) Mr. Gibbons preached a fundamental, fiery message in his three-page letter. Some of the letter is confidential; other matters he would not mind our mentioning. I am sure, such as, "If you weren't the man you are, standing up for the Lord and truth, you would not get one cent of my money, and I just last month sent a general contribution to you along with my prayers . . . and you will get my May contribution later this month." He tells how just a little over a year ago he came out of a modern church; how he was led to tithe and was given a thousand dollar a year raise; how the Lord took care of two bills in the Legislature that would have been detrimental to his profession in Michigan.

This next sentence was interesting: "Since we have been saved we have had nothing but sickness in the family. Finally we started trusting the Lord to keep us well and we took this subject up with Him daily and our sicknesses have disappeared and now I am cancelling my Blue Cross and Blue Shield and just looking to the Great Physician to take care of us. This faith does not come overnight . . ." Further down in his letter (and here comes the good sermon) he says:

"Brother Rice, I don't want you to change one bit except maybe to step harder on toes that need to be stepped on. I have seen and heard you preach recently at Taylor, Michigan, and you ain't no Rock Hudson to look at, but neither was the Lord Jesus Christ (Isa. 53:2), and John the Baptist didn't wear any long robe either and you would never have known he was a man of God except by listening to what he said. John the Baptist was the 'religious fanatic' of his day, out there on the River Jordan screaming his head off for the people to turn from their wicked ways and trust Christ to change their vile heart. Then along came the church members of that day who wanted his 'baptism' so they could escape the wrath to come, but they didn't want to trust the Lord Jesus to change their hearts—they were 'all right.' We meet the same people today and they are the hardest to convince, the ones who have been listening all their life to some preacher who has told them that they are 'all right' and all they need to do is just confess their sins and 'grow' into Heaven."

We are greatly touched time and time again by the sacrifices people make in order to get out the Gospel, and are humbled beyond measure at some of the gifts that come from people who are in desperate need themselves, but give to the Lord out of their deep poverty. Of course we know that He repays such givers.

## Praises God for Her "Chicken Coop" Home!

I have saved this letter for many months and come back and read it often. It brought tears to my eyes when I first read it. But let Mrs. Blucher tell you about her "house."

"I am a Christian widow lady 65 years old and live on a \$53.30 a month Social Security pension. I live in a one-room house that used to be a chicken coop on my sister's farm. They wanted me to live with them but I needed to be alone at times. I love my tiny house, and I know I am in God's will being here. The Lord spoke to me when I had to move and I had no place or money to move.

bons, that that means everything to Dr. Rice.

## Was Nationally Syndicated Newspaper Columnist

Mr. David M. Baxter, Litt.D., Th.G., wrote from "Wildwood," Rogers, Arkansas, to encourage us. Though he disagreed on some policies of the Sword, yet he says, "If everyone on earth agreed exactly with everyone else, what kind of a monotonous existence would this be?" He says that he lost his job as a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist several years ago by calling "a spade a spade . . . but you even seem to prosper in the process. Your columnist, Robert Sumner, by the way, is an interesting writer who gets off the ground fast and keeps up a fast-moving narrative."

## State Senator Writes

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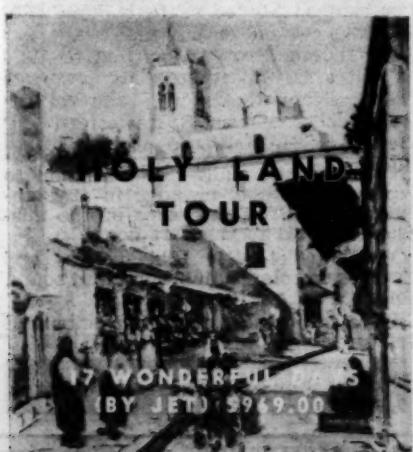
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With mingled joy and anxiety I present this book to Christian readers everywhere. I am anxious because the matters taught are so weighty. I earnestly pray that God will make the truths that are herein presented clear to every humble heart who willingly seeks to know what God has promised, and the things that "must shortly come to pass." But there is a great joy in the telling of this story. My own heart has been so blessed in the long months of preparation, study, prayer, and writing, that I cannot but feel that others likewise will be blessed.

The burden of this book is this: Christ will return to this earth, restore Israel to Palestine and save them, and will establish again the throne of David, and from that throne rule over the entire earth; that this kingdom will be a literal kingdom of a visible Christ reigning over a literal people; that eventually Heaven will be on this earth. Many other details of teaching will become clear as you read. All I ask is that you give to the reading an open mind and a prayerful, humble heart, and that you will search the Scriptures to see whether these things are so.

Two things particularly characterize this volume. The first is that nearly one line in three of the book is actual Scripture quotations. Many, many other Scripture references are given. The whole matter must be settled by the Word of God. It is a book of Bible teaching. I trust and earnestly believe that this feature will make the book valuable to the well versed Bible scholar and at the same time understandable and rich to the beginning student who knows little of the Word of God.

The other outstanding characteristic is that the Scriptures are taken at face value. I believe the Bible. I believe it says what it means. I believe that humble, prayerful hearts who approach the Word of God in reverent faith will find its treasures fully available and each one may fill his vessel to the full. Worldly wisdom is not sufficient, for God has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. So we take the Scriptures at face value. "Israel" means Israel. "Jerusalem" means Jerusalem. "Forever" means forever. "A thousand years" means a thousand years. All the promises of God are "yea and amen." If Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and the apostles believed the promises about the coming kingdom, then we may safely do the same.

Some say the promised reign of Christ on the throne of David will never come to pass. Others say it began during His earthly ministry. Still others believe that at Pentecost the kingdom was set up and that the church and kingdom are the same. Still others believe that the scriptural promises and prophecies on these matters are highly figurative, cannot be understood, and that we should leave the study of unfulfilled prophecies and preach only those that have been fulfilled. But the careful and prayerful reader who checks this book by THE Book will learn that God has promised a kingdom on this earth when the Lord Jesus Himself shall reign gloriously in Jerusalem over all the earth.

Please do not be offended at the positive ring throughout the book. Before you are through you will see, I trust, that this book presents only the clear, positive teachings of the Word of God. If we were guessing about dates, or speculating on things not revealed, we might well be more timid. There is much about the future that we do not know. Many faithful and good teachers and preachers of the Bible do not agree about a thousand details. But the great body of truth concerning the fact of Christ's literal return and literal reign on this earth are so clearly taught, that for a humble and open-minded believer to know what God's Word says on these matters is simply to accept it and be glad.

For myself it was so. Reared and trained altogether under the teachings of postmillennialists in Sunday School, preaching service, college, university, and seminary, when I began the independent study of my Bible I was compelled and then happy to accept this Bible teaching.

In closing, may I say that the purpose of this book is not only to make clear a great Bible teaching, but to establish a Hope and show Christians that it is the blessed Hope. I earnestly pray that hearts will be blessed even more than heads.

To me it is surprisingly sweet to know that there is coming a day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; when the pure in heart shall see God, and when the meek shall inherit the earth; when the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, when the lame man shall leap as an hart, and the tongue

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of the dumb shall sing, and when sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Our arms will hold again our loved ones, loved and lost awhile, and we shall see Him whom we love because He first loved us. I trust that the longing in your heart as you read this book will teach you to pray sincerely in the words the Saviour taught us, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10), and like the beloved John, "Even so, come Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

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### From Australia:

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personnel at Darmstadt, Germany, wrote that he recently read the booklet, *Saved for Certain* and how it had blessed him, adding: "The knowledge I gained from it was helpful in dealing with two of my sons today, both of whom received Christ as their Saviour." This science teacher has a Bible reading each morning and has opportunity for witnessing to his pupils. He is concerned about soul winning and asked some questions about some books on that subject.

Mr. Crews, I hope that you have been helped by the information we gave you in our letter of recent date. And may the Lord make you a real soul winner there.

### From Michigan:

The *Backslider* booklet proved a real help in the case of Mrs. J. T. Faulkner of Detroit, Michigan, who read it many years ago and it "opened my eyes to eternal security. How blind can we be? But if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. If my ministers in the Methodist church knew eternal security then they either kept it from me or I was too set in my ways to see it. But when my nephew handed me a copy of *The Backslider*, the glorious truth flooded my heart. It's needless to say, I have always loved you and your work since that day . . . ."

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## "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

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ceive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."—II John 9:11.

Old Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Diana of the Ephesians and sold them to the duped followers, began to feel the effects of Paul's preaching as he denounced her as a fraud, and the people stopped buying them. Demetrius lined up all the men engaged in selling these images of old sister Diana. They cried to the officials, "Our profits are being affected by these men." When religion cuts off a man's revenue, he is already a moral pauper, no matter if he's a millionaire broker or a cellar crap-shooter. The officials delivered them to the jailer.

The world must learn it can imprison God's messenger, but it cannot imprison God's message. Sharpening your knife won't cut off a sunbeam; stopping your ears when the alarm is turned in won't put out the fire; saying you don't believe there is a hell doesn't turn hell into a cold storage plant.

At midnight, down in the prison dungeon, Paul began to sing. I wonder what songs he sang? Perhaps he sang, "I Have A Father in the Promised Land," "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," or "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood."

Never mind what they sang. I can imagine God saying to an angel, "Go down there quickly and help them." The old jail began to rock like a ship at sea, the windows fell off, the doors flew open. The jailer, thinking all the prisoners had fled, sprang with drawn sword to kill himself, for the Roman law was this: if an officer allowed a prisoner to escape, he must pay for his negligence with his life. Paul cried out, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." The officer could not understand why they hadn't beat it when they had a chance to make their get-away. So calling for a light he checked and double-checked, and when he learned they were all there, he cried out, in the words of my text, "What must I do to be saved?"

What did Paul tell him to do? Corner the stock market? No! Graduate from the university? No! Be elected to congress? No! Turn over a new leaf? No! Be confirmed? No! Subscribe to the community chest? No! Keep the commandments? No! Be baptized? No!

Paul told them what every true man of God will tell any sinner: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

### All Need to Be Saved

Salvation means to be brought from a state or condition not favorable to our welfare or happiness into a condition which is favorable. The salvation of the sick would mean their health, but the salvation mentioned here is from sin.

Sin is the transgression of God's law. Every sinner is liable, in accordance with the law which he has broken, to punishment that brings pain. Men shrink from the electric chair, the scaffold, or the prison walls. It's not favorable to their welfare.

The party who has the right and the power to inflict the punishment also has the right and the power to state the terms upon which you can escape punishment. It's God's law that we sinners have broken; therefore, God presents the terms upon which we can escape the penalty.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and you shall be saved from the punishment. Christ died for our sins. He came into the world to save sinners. Jesus did not come into this world to live as a saving example, but to die as a sin-offering for us.

King Charles V was lent a vast sum of money by a merchant in Antwerp. The note was due, but the king was bankrupt and unable to pay. The merchant gave a great banquet for the king. When all the guests were seated, and before the food was brought in, the merchant had a large platter placed on the table before him, and a fire lighted thereon; then taking

the note out of his pocket he held it in the flames until it was burned to ashes. The king threw his arms around his benefactor and wept.

We were all mortgaged to God. The debt was due, but we were unable to pay. Two thousand years ago God invited the world to the gospel feast, and in the crucifixion agonies of the cross of Jesus, God held your sins and mine until every last vestige of our guilt was consumed.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" as your substitute, and you shall be saved.

There must first be conviction on your part that you are a sinner. This jailer came trembling. He knew he was lost, or he never would have asked, "What must I do to be saved?" You can do nothing but believe on Jesus Christ as your Saviour. No one will seek salvation unless he first realizes he is a lost sinner. In different individuals, this shows itself in different ways.

First, there is evidence of your great need. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews, a very honorable man, a member of the Sanhedrin, and familiar with the Mosaic laws. He came to Jesus at night to talk with Him about his soul.

When you realize that you are lost, no situation nor position in life will satisfy you until you accept Jesus as your Saviour. If you have a sense of your need, come to Jesus. He will satisfy.

Years ago, in London, there was a large gathering of noted people, and among the invited guests was a famous preacher of his day, Caesar Milan. A young lady played and sang charmingly, and everyone was thrilled. This preacher said to her: "I thought, as I listened to you, how you could help the cause of Christ if you would dedicate your talent to the church and sing gospel hymns."

She snapped out a rebuke for him to presume on such a course for her. He said, "Lady, I meant no offense. God can use consecrated ability as well as the world." They all returned to their homes. The young woman retired, but she could not sleep. The face of the preacher appeared before her, and his words rang through her mind. At two o'clock in the morning, she sprang from her bed, took a pencil and paper, and with tears dripping from her face, Charlotte Elliott wrote that famous poem,

*Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me;  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Only God knows how many have been influenced to accept the Lord Jesus Christ through that inspired hymn.

Someone says, "I am unworthy." That's a hopeful sign; all you need to do is cry out, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

Some are saved from great sins. All sins are great but Jesus made atonement for all of them. Accept Him as your Saviour, and your guilt dissolves like ice in a summer sea.

Some have great consciousness of guilt, like a convict in the death house. I went to Sing Sing one time and preached to the men in the dining room; then I went into the death house. Twenty-two men were there, waiting to walk through the green door. In the lower row of cells, opposite the green door through which all had to walk to the electric chair, was Lieutenant Becker of the New York police department. I reached my hand through the door and said, "Good-bye, Lieutenant. May God give you strength for the sad day." He replied, "Billy, I will fight to the last trench." He did, but he had to walk the "last mile."

**With or Without Great Emotion One Who Trusts Christ Is Saved**

Some are emotional; they are demonstrative; they cry easily. Others are cool and show no emotion. I was preaching in Elgin, Illinois, when a man rushed down to the front. After shaking hands with me, he sat down on the front seat. Presently he dropped full length on the ground, crying and groaning and moaning aloud. I

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asked one of the ministers, "What's the matter with that man?" He replied, "Oh, he's all right. He is distressed because of his sins; he is getting right with the Lord." A neatly dressed man came quietly down to the front, grasped my hand, and coolly and calmly said: "I accept Christ as my Saviour."

You see those two men had different temperaments, but they both found the same Saviour. I don't care whether you cry or laugh or shout, so long as you come to Christ and are saved.

Stanley, in his famous search for Livingstone, said he found natives in Africa that never knew they were black. They had never seen people of any other race or color. Stanley was the first white man they had ever seen.

I know some things about sin and salvation now that I did not know when I was converted, but there are some things I never will know until I stand in the presence of God and walk the golden streets.

The Bible says this jailer fell down before Paul. You cannot come to God without a sorrow on your part for your past. God is willing to forgive us, but we must move first by asking forgiveness; but the moment we ask forgiveness, God meets us with a pardon.

Some think they need new surroundings. You are wrong. Accept Jesus as your Saviour, and let your old companions in sin see what God can do with one who will trust Him.

Here is a watch. It does not run. Would you say, "Give it new surroundings"? No; you'd say, "Give it a new mainspring."

In Russia, back in the days of her Romanoff glory, a father thought what his wayward son needed was new surroundings, so he used his influence and got him a lieutenant's commission in the army. This was during the Crimean War, when England and France were allies against Russia. One evening this young man sat reviewing his life and was putting on paper his indebtedness as he recalled the amounts. When he totalled the figures the sum staggered him, and he wrote: "Who will pay all this mountain of debt?" He fell asleep. The Czar, walking among the soldiers, saw the son of his friend asleep, and picking up the paper read the sad words, "Who will pay all this mountain of debt?" The Czar wrote an order on the royal treasury, signed it, and sealed it with the signet ring of the House of Romanoff.

You try to recall all the sins you have committed. They will pile up like a mountain. Then write, "Who will pay this mountain of sin?" and I will answer the question with one word, "Jesus!"

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

### The Jailer Gladly Claimed Christ Openly

The jailer was converted; he was changed; he washed their stripes. At first he joyfully fastened their hands and feet in the stocks; now he is trying to ease the pain. There must be a change to make us love that which God hates, and hate that which He loves. There is a physical nature and a spiritual nature.

One man said to me, "The church is full of hypocrites." I replied, "Yes; so is politics, so are the lodges, but they are not all hypocrites. Why don't you give credit to those who are true?"

Another man said, "I can go to heaven and not join a church." I replied, "Yes; you can go to Europe and not take a ship; the swimming is good, but the sharks are waiting for the fellow who takes that route."

The jailer was baptized. A man said, "Billy, I believe in immersion." I said, "All right; allow me to administer the rites of baptism. I'm an ordained minister."

A lady said, "I can get nearer to God through the Episcopal Prayer Book." I said, "Then use the Prayer Book, and God bless you!"

Baptism does not save you; it's the public expression that you have been saved. "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." It's the blood of Jesus that saves.

It's a mistake to believe and not

to confess; that is not obedience. Confession is better than cowardice. Submission is better than stubbornness.

Some shallow-pated souls who can make an arc light, blow as though they had created a sun. Some pile up a few bricks and then strut around as though they had created a mountain. They're like a skeptic who stood on Pike's Peak on a cloudless day, and looking toward the sky, shook his fist and defiantly cried out: "If there is a God, let Him strike me dead with a flash of lightning out of a clear sky." Just then a gnat flew down his throat and choked him to death.

There's little hope for the fellow who hasn't sense enough to beat it for the cellar when he sees the cyclone coming.

The truth is, we all have a little yellow in our make-up. Now own up! Brave old Elijah ran like a scared deer when old Jezebel threatened his life.

Many have kept their church membership secret, when their confession would have helped them and the church, too.

Some have smiled a sickly grin when someone has told a smutty story. They have never chirped when a crowd of scoffers has mocked God and Christ and the church. When they have been asked to stand up and show their colors, they have sneaked out like a renegade with the rabble.

You cannot be saved if you will not give up your sins. We must choose between sin and salvation.

Here you are in the Devil's kingdom, and you are anxious to get out. In Bristol, Va.-Tenn., the city lies in the two states. The state line runs down through the center of Main Street. I preached there some years ago. A friend of mine was there, seated in front of a hotel on the Virginia side. He heard a man shout, "Stop, or I'll shoot!" Looking up, he saw a man with a drawn revolver. He asked, "What's the trouble?" The man questioned replied, "Oh, an officer from Tennessee is trying to arrest me." He followed the man across the street. My friend asked, "Why doesn't he arrest him?" The citizen informed my friend that the city was in two states and that the man was outside the jurisdiction of the officer, for he had a Tennessee warrant which was of no value in Virginia.

When you accept Jesus as your Saviour, that takes you out of the Devil's kingdom, over the line into God's kingdom, and you are safe.

### Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

He is *Lord*. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." That means His kingly office. Let Him reign over your life. Believe on Him as divine; believe on Him as the Son of God.

He is *Jesus*. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." God with us, to stand by us. It takes that kind of a combination to save and to keep us. We have had plenty of guesses. We want some one who knows. We have had plenty of resolutions, enough to pave hell. Give us a Saviour with a sympathetic eye who can see what we are up against, with an arm as swift as lightning, to catch us when we stumble.

Don't give me an essay, but a Saviour.

He is *Christ*. That's His resurrection name. He is at the right hand of God making intercession.

He is *Lord*, because He rules; He is *Jesus*, because He saves; He is *Christ*, because He intercedes.

After taking these steps, the jailer believed, rejoiced, and was baptized—he and all his house. So what you do will influence others likewise.

My good friend, the late John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, told me this story:

One day he was riding through the highlands of Scotland when a terrific wind and rainstorm overtook him. He halted in front of a small thatched-roof cottage, and asked for shelter, which was granted him. He said he walked toward a chair to sit down, when the Scotch woman sprang between him and the chair. She raised both hands, and cried out, "Na, no, Mon! Dinna sit there." He said he looked closely and saw a scarlet cord wrapped around the chair. She continued, "One day Her

Majesty, Queen Victoria, was riding through the highlands like yourself, and a storm drove her into my cottage. She sat in that chair for one hour, while I gave her a cup of tea and a scone; and John and me said, 'No one shall ever sit in that chair.' Isn't it wonderful, Mon, Her Majesty, the queen, sat in that chair?"

Years ago, Jesus came to take up His abode in my heart and life. I am honored. He is my guest, and will be until the end.

1. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for me.

2. I have accepted Him as my Saviour.

3. I have confessed Him before the world.

4. I trust Him from day to day.

During the war between the states there was a band of organized outlaws in the Southwest, composed of some of the most famous men of that class that ever infested this country. Their leader was a man named Quantrell. Their hide-outs were in the hill country, adjacent to Kansas City. They would sweep across the boundary line into Kansas, rob, and burn.

To counteract their pillages, the Kansas Red Legs was organized. The orders were, "Shoot them on sight, and explain afterwards." One time a portion of them were captured. A long trench was dug; they were lined up, hands and legs tied, and eyes bandaged. The firing squad was forming. An officer who was in command of the firing squad was one the chief usher in one of my meetings, and told me the particulars. He said that a young man suddenly rushed out of the underbrush, calling, "Wait! wait!" He was covered by the guns of the firing squad as he approached the officer in charge. Pointing to a man in the line who was waiting to be shot, he said: "Let me take his place. I am guilty." (The band had burned the city of Lawrence, Kansas, now the seat of the University of Kansas.) The young man continued "That man has a wife and four children; I am alone; no one will ever miss me." After a consultation, the officers decided to do it. They cut the ropes and said to the man, "Go! you are free!" The volunteer was put in his place, and fell dead before the firing squad.

At the close of the war, Major Whittle was walking through a graveyard in the section. He saw a man sitting by a grave, and said to him, "Your son?" The man answered, "No!" "A friend?" queried the Major. "Yes, sir; the best friend I ever had," and then he told him the story and finished it with, "I went away and hid, and came back to mark the spot. When the war closed I went back, dug up the body, and that's him in that grave."

On the board at the head of the grave, he had printed, "He died for me." I can take you to a graveyard today, and there stands a monument with these words carved on it, "He took my place, he died for me."

When I preached in Selma, California, a woman told me that her farm back in Missouri was within one mile of that graveyard; another said that the man whose place the boy had taken was her school-teacher; and still another one told me that he was a cousin. I say, "Sacred to the memory of Jesus Christ. He took my place! He died for me!"

Accept Him as your Saviour, and let God make you a child of His, saved throughout all eternity.

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# New Book on the Flood

**The Genesis Flood: The Biblical Record and Its Scientific Implications.** By Henry M. Morris and John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Reviewed by Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

This book, *The Genesis Flood*, by Whitcomb and Morris is one of the finest books on the relationship of science and the Bible to come off the press in recent years. It is the most careful, complete, and scholarly presentation of flood geology ever presented, in my opinion. The writers have done an almost infinite amount of research and present their views with a wealth of pictures and thorough documentation. The book sets out to harmonize the evidences of geology with the Genesis flood. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., one of the authors, is professor of Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. He holds a Th. D. degree. Henry M. Morris, the companion author, is professor and head of the department of Civil Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. He holds a Ph. D. degree.

This book is a "must" book for anyone interested in the relationship between science and the Scriptures. The authors hold a very reverent attitude toward a verbally inspired and literally interpreted Bible. It is refreshing to find men who are unwilling to try to change the Bible to fit science. The book is divided into seven major sections plus two appendices.

The divisions are, 1. "Basic Arguments for a Universal Flood," 2. "Basic Arguments Against an Anthropologically Universal Flood," 3. "Basic Non-Geological Arguments Against a Universal Flood," 4. "Uniformitarianism and the Flood: a Study of Attempted Harmonizations," 5. "Modern Geology and the Deluge," 6. "A Scriptural Framework for Historical Geology," 7. "Problems in Biblical Geology." The two Appendices are titled, "Paleontology and the Edenic Curse," and "Genesis 11 and the Date of the Flood."

The section of the book dealing with the Bible necessity of the universal flood is excellent. It deals in great detail with what the Bible teaches about the flood including the New Testament verifications of the universal flood.

Another section which is handled unusually well is that disproving the uniformitarianism theory of geology. This theory holds that all geologic processes have continued at the same rate without any miracle of God such

as creation or the flood. Uniformitarianism has been one of the biggest tools in the hands of the evolutionists to seek to explain away any scientific information in the Bible. The section is an excellent treatment of this uniformitarianism theory showing its complete inadequacy to explain geologic facts. This is the very heart of modern scientific theory and will make the book unacceptable to those who worship this "sacred cow."

The section dealing with the so-called geologic time clocks is also very interesting. These are the various dating methods by which scientists have placed man back well over a million years. Included in this discussion are the rather recent carbon fourteen and lead-uranium systems of geologic dating. The authors claim that reliable dating methods point to a very recent date for man's creation and that dating methods claiming otherwise are not proven.

Another important feature of the book is a very much needed answer to Bernard Ramm's book, *A Christian View of Science and the Scripture*, in which he makes drastic concessions to science and explains away any literal interpretation of the creation and flood accounts in the Bible. The position of Ramm and Dr. Russell Mixter of Wheaton College on a local flood rather than a universal one is especially well answered.

The only area in which I felt the authors made unnecessary concessions was in the section on the genealogies. In this case the authors accept gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 which I do not think is necessary nor wise. They are very careful, however, to point out that it is impossible to stretch these genealogies to put the creation of man back hundreds of thousands of years as some evangelical Christians are claiming today.

Here is a book that ought to be in the hands of every serious Bible student who is interested in the relation of science and the Scriptures. It has 518 pages, is published by the Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, and is thoroughly indexed and contains a wealth of illustrations. The price of the book is \$8.95 and is available from the Sword of the Lord Foundation, Box 420, Wheaton, Ill. Please enclose 25¢ for postage and handling.

## The Preciousness of Jesus

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ed, and at last, fever-stricken, you sink to the sands, under the blistering sun. I come to you then with these same two bags, and ask you which is the more precious, and your answer would immediately be, "The one containing the bread and water." You would tell me to take the million-dollar diamond necklace and fling it to the winds of the desert, for the most precious thing in the world to you would be a loaf of bread and a bottle of water, with an intrinsic value of perhaps less than twenty-five cents. And why? Because it is the one thing in all the world that meets your awful need.

Now, these five precious things in the epistles of Peter are precious because the Person involved is the only One in all the world who can meet the sinner's awful need and bring these precious things to him.

Thus far in our discussion we have been talking about precious things. We desire, at this point, to draw your attention to the fact that these "things," like all else we get from God, are not just so many "things," but are represent-

ed in and deposited in a precious Person. With this in mind, then, let us look at these precious gems.

### I. Christ Is Precious Because of His Person

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." What saint of God through all the centuries would deny the truth of that statement? *The Lord Jesus Christ is precious to God the Father.* He is the Foundation of all His universe. He is the Consummation of all His purposes. He is the Carpenter of all His creation. He is the Perfection of all His redemption. He is the Throne-Sitter in the midst of His government. He completely satisfies God the Father.

*The Lord Jesus Christ is precious to every believer.* When God gave the Lord Jesus Christ to the believer, He gave him all His infinite riches of Wisdom, Love, Grace, Power, Glory and Holiness. It does the believer good to pause in the midst of this busy rush, and recount to his own soul what God gave him when He gave him Jesus Christ. Examine this familiar list of God's gifts to us in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus Christ we have a Life that can never be forfeited.

In Jesus Christ we have a Relation which can never be abrogated.

## Tact or Cowardice?

"Some people mistake weakness for tact. If they are silent when they ought to speak and so feign an agreement they do not feel, they call it being tactful. Cowardice would be a much better name."

"Tact is an active quality that is not exercised by merely making a dash for cover. Be sure, when you think you are being extremely tactful, that you are not in reality running away from something you ought to face."

—Sir Frank Medlicott, M.P.  
Taken from "Grace Evangel"

In Jesus Christ we have a Righteousness which can never be tarnished.

In Jesus Christ we have an Acceptance which can never be questioned.

In Jesus Christ we have a Judgment which can never be repeated.

In Jesus Christ we have a Title which can never be clouded.

In Jesus Christ we have a Position which can never be invalidated.

In Jesus Christ we have a Standing which can never be disputed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Justification which can never be reversed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Seal which can never be violated.

In Jesus Christ we have an Inheritance which can never be alienated.

In Jesus Christ we have a Wealth which can never be depleted.

In Jesus Christ we have a Resource which can never be diminished.

In Jesus Christ we have a Bank which can never be closed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Possession which can never be measured.

In Jesus Christ we have a Portion which can never be denied.

In Jesus Christ we have a Peace which can never be destroyed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Joy which can never be suppressed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Love which can never be abated.

In Jesus Christ we have a Grace which can never be arrested.

In Jesus Christ we have a Strength which can never be vitiated.

In Jesus Christ we have a Power which can never be exhausted.

In Jesus Christ we have a Forgiveness which can never be rescinded.

In Jesus Christ we have a Deliverance which can never be thwarted.

In Jesus Christ we have an Assurance which can never be disappointed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Nature which can never be changed.

In Jesus Christ we have an Acceptance which can never be discontinued.

In Jesus Christ we have an Attraction which can never be superseded.

In Jesus Christ we have a Comfort which can never be lessened.

In Jesus Christ we have a Service which can never be unrewarded.

In Jesus Christ we have an In-

tercessor who can never be disqualified.

In Jesus Christ we have a Revelation which can never be destroyed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Victor who can never be vanquished.

In Jesus Christ we have a Resurrection which can never be hindered.

In Jesus Christ we have a Hope which can never be disappointed.

In Jesus Christ we have a Glory which can never be dimmed.

*Jesus Christ is all!* When I think of my sins, Christ's cross is all. When I think of my guilt, Christ's righteousness is all. When I think of my weakness, Christ's strength is all.

Christ is all, in the Father's vision. Christ is all, in the Spirit's message. Christ is all, in the Scripture's pages. Christ is all, in creation's morning. Christ is all in sin's midnight. Christ is all, in redemption's grace. Christ is all, in the coming glory. Therefore, unto you who believe *He is precious!*

## II. Christ Is Precious Because He Is the Only One Who Can Save Us!

When we move from sinnerhood to sainthood; when we move out of lostness into savedness, we can do so only through this *one Person. There is no other.*

Christ is the only starting point as we move from earth to Heaven. We cannot detour *Him*. The person who does so will find himself at the wrong destination. No matter what good cargo he may have on board in his life, it will do him no good if he is traveling on the wrong road. And he is traveling on the wrong road if he has detoured Christ on his way to Heaven.

You do not start for Heaven from a baptismal font in infancy. You do not start for Heaven from a baptism in adulthood. You may be baptized so many times that every minnow in the brook knows you when he sees you coming, and you can still be on your way to an endless Hell. (If you are saved and wish to be an obedient child of God you will be baptized. But you are baptized because you are saved and not in order to become saved.)

You do not start for Heaven with a rosary and seven "Hail Mary's." You do not start for Heaven from good works. There is only one place in all this universe where you can start for Heaven. That place is the *Person of Christ*.

And that it is so, is forever settled by Christ's own statement on the matter. In John 14:6 He declared that He is the "way" and that "no man cometh unto the Father" but by Him. In John 10:9 He de-

clared that He is the "door" and that all who try to get in apart from the door are thieves and hirelings.

No, dear friends, there is only one door and only one way and Christ is both of them. Miss Him and you have missed Heaven.

Since Christ is the *only* One who can get us to Heaven, He is precious.

## III. Christ Is Precious Because of the Faith He Bestows

In II Peter 1:1 we read that we have "obtained like precious faith." In Hebrews 12:2 we read that the Lord Jesus Christ is the "author and finisher of our faith." We sometimes hear a great deal about "our faith." We pray and testify as though this faith of which we speak were something which we had created. We pride ourselves on our great faith. But we should never forget that not a single one of us could ever have had an ounce of faith had it not been given to us by the Lord Himself.

Pray tell me—how much faith can a dead man exercise in anything? And we are dead in trespasses and in sins. We are just as dead to God in the realm of the spiritual, as a corpse is dead to its surroundings. An unsaved and unregenerated man has absolutely no power to exercise faith in anything which pertains to God. Unless the Lord Jesus Christ Himself grants the power of faith to a dead soul, it can never exercise saving faith.

In Ephesians 2:8 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." We have heard scores of arguments among theologians as to what constitutes "the gift of God" in this particular passage. One group declares that it is grace. Another declares it is faith which is the gift. To us the question is not even open to debate. The gift of God of Ephesians 2:8 is without question the faith by which we gear into the grace which saves. If it is the grace which is the gift, then why say "and that not of yourselves"? The minute we say "grace" we have already said "and that not of ourselves." So why repeat it? But this faith of which the text speaks is also not of ourselves; but because man is determined to take pride even in his faith, therefore the Spirit of God arrests him and says, "No, not even your faith is of yourself. It is the gift of God." Now, this faith is a precious thing.

It has pleased God to confine salvation within the limits of faith. Salvation cannot be entered into

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by any system of works, neither is it faith plus works. Since salvation, then, in all of its fullness and implications for time and eternity, can only be entered into by the exercise of faith, and since it is the *only* thing which can gear us into Calvary, how precious it becomes! Without it only the burning sands and the endless doom of an eternal Sahara await me. With it there is life, and life forever. How precious, then, is the Lord Jesus Christ who stands at the side of a soul dead in trespasses and sin and speaks into that soul the power of saving faith.

Saving faith in Christ is not standard equipment. Peter tells us we "obtained" it. Paul tells us it is a gift from God.

### IV. Christ Is Precious Because He Sustains Us in the Hour of Trial

"The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth." The faith which we claim to possess must undergo the fires of testing; not in order to prove to God whether we actually possess it or not, but in order to prove to men that we actually have this saving faith.

According to the fourth chapter of Romans, God needed no works on the part of Abraham to prove that he had faith. But according to the second chapter of James, Abraham did have to justify his claim to faith before the eyes of his fellow men, and this he did by works. Few men ever had their faith tried as did Abraham, but there was sustaining grace in the hour of his deepest need.

Our text in Peter declares that the trial of our faith is something akin to the trial of gold. What makes gold precious? The trial through which it passes. None of us would give a nickel a trainload for gold ore if there were no way known whereby the metal could be extracted from the ore. The thing that makes gold precious is the cracking, crushing, smelting, fiery process through which it passes. It is the same with our faith. The thing which makes our profession of faith worth anything at all is whether or not it stands up under trial. The world outside is not interested, even to the extent of a nickel a trainload, in our mere professions of faith in Christ. What they want to know is, "Does it work?"

It is easy for us to stand up in prayer meeting and say: "Jesus Christ is all the world to me. He is my Saviour, Keeper, Guide, Helper and Friend. He will never leave me nor forsake me, and I can bear all things with Him." But what about that faith the next day? How about it, housewife, when an overload in the washer blows the last fuse in the house; and in the hurry and excitement of the morning the bread burns in the oven; and about the time the kiddies come from school, sent home by the school nurse with a note that one has the measles and the other the whooping cough? Does your faith go to pieces, or does it shine like a stream of pure gold?

How about you, father, when the boss says this is the last day at the mill, and with a little pay-check you go home to face grocery and hospital bills? Does your faith crack and crumble, or does it glisten like a stream of pure gold?

How about you, Christian parent, when the little one is carried to the cemetery and the fragrance of its sweet little life is no longer in the home? Does the world around you see the same sad hopelessness and despair, the same hard criticism of God's love that they would find in the home of a Bob Ingersoll or a Voltaire? Or do they see, even in the glistening tears, the shining stream of pure gold which says in effect, "It's all right. We have a Heavenly Father too good to be unkind and too wise to make mistakes."

It was my privilege to see the mighty Akron, the pride of the United States Navy, while it was being built in that great hanger

in Akron, Ohio. What a dirigible it was! Nearly 800 feet long, almost 150 feet high, accommodating a crew of 75 men and many passengers, together with six fully-equipped airplanes inside it. It was a thing of beauty. One day Mr. Goodyear said to Uncle Sam, "The ship is ready. Five million dollars, please." Uncle Sam stroked his beard and said: "Well, it looks nice, and the claims you make for it are wonderful; but Mr. Goodyear, it has never been outside this building. It has never felt the blast of storm, or seen the flash of lightning. Take this ship out, nose it up into the sky, tear its throttles wide open, suddenly bring it out on even keel. Take it out into the sunshine; take it out into the dark of night; take it over the land and over the sea; push it into that thunderhead coming up over the horizon; let the blasts of storm beat upon it, and the flashing lightning hiss about it. If it can stand up under these trials, then your check is ready."

And so the world speaks to the Christian. This thing called faith, which we talk so much about in the sheltered "hanger" of the prayer meeting room, must be put into the furnaces of trial; and when the world sees the form of One like unto the Son of God walking with us in the trial, then, and not until then, will they want what we have.

Again and again our faith will take us into the lion's den, but if the world sees the lions transformed into pillows for our heads, they will want what we have. And how does the Christian find it possible to pass through the fiery furnaces and the lion's den? Because the Lord Jesus Christ has said: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned: neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God . . . Fear not: for I am with thee" (Isa. 43:2-5).

Don't back away from the trials. Don't detour the hard stretches of the Christian highway and seek the easier paths.

It is the glad testimony of my dear wife and me that it has been in the darkest hours of our lives that we have seen the clearest visions of His loveliness. It was when the fires were hottest and the waters highest that He became the most precious. Together we learned things about Christ in the shadows that we never could have known in the sunshine. Don't detour the trials if you really want to know how precious He is.

### V. Christ Is Precious Because of His Promises

"Exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." Every promise of God is based upon four unshakeable pillars. First, God's Holiness will not suffer Him to deceive. Second, God's Grace will not suffer Him to forget. Third, God's Truth will not suffer Him to change. Fourth, God's Power will not suffer Him to fail.

The promises of the Lord Jesus Christ are manifold, and each one of them is a precious promise because they come from the lips of a precious Person. They admit us to a precious possession. They entitle us to a precious position, and they make us partakers of His own precious nature.

### VI. Christ Is Precious Because of Calvary

"Redeemed—with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." The blood of Jesus Christ is precious because it is the only thing that can buy our poor, lost souls out of the market place of sin.

The blood of Christ is precious because it is the only thing that meets our need of redemption. The modernists may claim that the One who died upon the cross was a mere man if they please. They may say that His death was a mere accident; that He was caught in the whirling cogs of the social, political, and religious machinery of His day, and ground

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but he was speaking to individuals. The Holy Spirit moves into the body of a Christian when he is saved. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

You say, "My Protestant friends do not seem to be able to see the necessity for having an organization with a ruling authority in the greatest institution on earth." But you use the term "institution" in an unscriptural sense. The Bible does not even mention such an "institution." And you are trying to settle by human argument a matter which was brought on by human tradition, when if God had intended any such authority in an organization, that is, an organization which could save or damn, could forgive or not forgive, which could tell people whether they could read the Bible or not, whether they could follow the Bible or not—if God had wanted to put any such authority in an organization, He could have done so. He did not. The Bible never mentions anything of the kind.

You see, the trouble is you want a human authority, a man, to boss this matter when God wants the Holy Spirit to boss. You want that authority to reach down so a priest can tell people what they can do and what they cannot do, and God wants the Holy Spirit to dwell in the body of every believer and tell him what to do. And then you speak about "chaos" and say, "That is the situation in Protestantism today—a house divided against itself." And you speak about "the Presbyterian branch." Again, you are using the term *church* in a wholly unscriptural sense not even thought of in the Bible. And Protestantism is not a church in the Bible sense any more than the Catholic organization is a church in the Bible sense.

**2. Christians Who Set Out to Live by the Bible Have a Warm Bible Christianity and Spiritual Unity Utterly Unknown by Catholics**

You talk with no knowledge of the facts when you speak about "chaos" among Bible believers. No, there is a chaos if you mean that there are many cults who, like Roman Catholics, set up some other standard to follow besides

to pieces, an unfortunate martyr. But to us He is the eternal Son of God, and on that cross God takes every drop of His precious blood and turns it into the coin for the purchase of our souls. It is the only coin in the realm that can meet our need!

The blood of Christ is precious because it meets our need of safety. What good would it do if we were purchased out of the market place of sin only to stand forever in danger of being taken back captive by the Devil? We not only need salvation, but we need safety as well, and the same precious blood which took us out from under the curse and slavery of sin is able to keep us out. John 10:28 stands forever as the assurance of the precious Christ as to the eternal efficacy of His precious blood.

The blood of Christ is precious because it meets our need of cleansing. It is not enough that we should be saved and made forever a child of God. Provision must be made for cleansing from the contamination of sin. Just because your four-year-old son is precious, that does not give him the privilege of coming from the mud puddles of the back yard to the silky mohair of the davenport, or the ivory keys of the piano. Somewhere between the back yard and the living room furniture he must be introduced to the bathtub; and so it is with the child of God! "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). "But if we walk in the light, as

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one simple essential we agreed on was that the Bible was the Word of God and was the supreme authority and the Christ of the Bible is all He claimed to be. So such people naturally agreed on the great doctrines of the Bible, the verbal inspiration, the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His blood atonement, His bodily resurrection, His miracles, and the need for regeneration, salvation by faith in Christ, Heaven and Hell, etc. It is a foolish and insincere fiction to suppose that there is a chaos among Bible-believing Christians. That simply is not so.

You understand, of course, there were many, many who could not properly take part in such a campaign with me as a preacher and they would not have been welcome. That would include all those false cults who have some other authority besides the Bible. Mormons would not fit in, nor Christian Scientists, nor Catholics, nor Jehovah's Witnesses, because all of these have sources other than the fundamental center of a Christian unity, the Bible. They would not agree in doctrine because they get their doctrines out of human tradition or the writings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, or the Book of Mormon, or the books of Judge Rutherford, instead of from the Bible. I am saying simply that the Holy Spirit living in the bodies of Christians who believe the Bible and go to the Bible for authority have more unity than would be possible in a great organization such as the Catholic Church where the authority is supposed to reside in the church (meaning literally in the priesthood and not in the congregations).

I preached the Gospel in the First Presbyterian Church in Inchon, Korea, where General MacArthur made his famous landing in the Korean War. In that foreign country, speaking through an interpreter, standing barefooted upon a pillow, preaching to people who sat cross-legged on a polished floor, I found exactly the same sweet unity of spirit, the same brotherly love that I found with Christians in Bombay and Madras, India, in Karuizawa, Japan, and as I found in great united meetings all over America.

The other day a Catholic man who had lost his wife and was disconsolate and now for three years had been trying to raise his children alone, found that he, too, had this same unity with other Bible-believing Christians. I received the other day a most fervent, brotherly letter from a Lutheran minister. He sprinkles babies; he has a liturgy and there are other minor matters on which we would differ. But on the great issues of the verbally inspired Bible, the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His blood atonement, His bodily resurrection, on the need for a new birth, on Heaven and Hell, we feel as brothers.

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see him; they read together from the Bible and he was taught to look to Jesus who died to save sinners. On his knees he trusted Christ and took Him as Saviour and, oh, how happy he has been since! Mark you, this happiness, this union of heart with other Christians, did not come through the Catholic organization. It came as he read the Bible, and then found other Christians who believed the Bible and then found the Christ of the Bible.

The "chaos" that you pretend to see among Bible believers is simply not true. There is a chaos among those who have other sources of doctrine and so serve other gods. There is a chaos when men go to Catholic tradition or the Book of Mormon or the writings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy or the presumptuous imaginings of modernists or unbelievers. But there is a great unity which millions know as they read the Bible and find there the same Saviour, the same doctrine that all have sinned, the same promise that the blood of Christ has paid for our sins and that Christ died for us and is willing to forgive sinners, and then the sweet sense of fellowship of born-again believers who know they have a home in Heaven and who know they are born of God.

### 3. Roman Catholics Themselves Do Not Have This Christian Unity

There is a kind of unity among the loyal adherents of the Catholic Church, but it is not Christian unity. It is not even the kind of unity that men have in a labor union where they join voluntarily, where they have a vote in the proceedings, where they can argue for their rights, and where they can join others of like convictions to seek a common end.

Catholics do not have the unity which comes when people know the same Saviour, have the same peace in heart, find in the Bible the same doctrines and look together, as the Bible teaches us to do, for Christ's Second Coming. Catholics are alike in praying to Mary, but Mary does not answer, does not give them any spiritual response. The unity of Catholics is like the unity in a penitentiary. The prisoners have someone to tell them what to do. They are told when to get up, when to march to the playground, when to go to meals, and when to rise. They are fed not what they want, but what prison officials decide is proper on the budget that is provided. Prisoners have something in common: they have the same kind of bars on their cells, the same concrete floor, the same smell of disinfectant.

I am saying that Catholics do not know the kind of unity which is very common among Bible-believing Christians. Have a bunch of Catholics together; now try to have a testimony meeting and try to get them to rise with joy in their faces and tell how God has answered their prayers. A few

Catholics, thank God, have had such experiences. They seem queer to other Catholics and that is not the ordinary thing.

Other Christians find a common bond in the Bible. But sadly I have found that the average Catholic family does not even have a Catholic Bible. If they have one, they are not free to study it and find what God Himself means to tell them. They are to believe the Bible teaches only what the church tells them it teaches. The simple truth is that the Catholic Church through the centuries has usually forbidden Catholics to study the Bible and now in our American civilization public enlightenment has made it so they must give permission for Catholics to read the Bible. Catholics generally are not encouraged to read it and generally do not read it.

I remember I talked to a beautiful and cultured Catholic lady in Washington, D. C. A question came up about the Bible and I said I would ask her a question. She threw up her hands and laughed deprecatingly and said, "Oh no! I don't know a thing about the Bible. Now on the Prayer Book," she said, "I am pretty good. But I don't know anything about the Bible." I say that that attitude is rather characteristic of good Catholics. Those who are not good Catholics are not usually good on the Prayer Book, even. Catholics are not usually tied together by one common experience of conversion. They are not commonly tied together with a sweet enjoyment of the same Scripture truths. Catholics generally believe in the virgin birth, and I thank God that they do, but that is emphasized primarily in order to emphasize Mary, and not necessarily to emphasize the deity of Christ.

And in most of the Catholic countries in the world, as in South American countries, priests systematically collect and burn Bibles and people are taught that it is heresy to read the Bible. And that attitude is the general Catholic attitude around the world except in a very few enlightened spots where culture makes for more human freedom than will permit that degree of servility.

You talk of Catholic unity. The simple truth is that most of the Catholic population of the world lives in most abject superstition and ignorance, with almost no comprehension of spiritual truths. In countries like Columbia and Peru in South America, Protestant missionaries have recently been murdered, and nationals who have been converted to Christ and come to know Him as Saviour and do not depend on the priest for forgiveness have their homes burned, and many a believer has been beaten and others tortured and killed. There is no more unity among Catholics than the kind of unity of communist-inspired mobs in Castro's Cuba.

Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean that Catholics are communists, or that the Catholic Church generally favors communism. I mean that the priest-led mobs who killed Christians who read the Bible in South America are the victims of mass superstitions and mob rages such as similar mobs in Cuba are, who storm the homes of Americans.

You speak of unity among Catholics. But President Kennedy does not agree with the Catholic dogma that every head of state, if a Catholic, must be subject to the pope in his official duties. On this matter Catholics in America do not very well agree with Catholics in Italy.

The true and loyal Catholic knows nothing of the great freedom in Christ. He does not know that he can come personally to Christ and get forgiveness without any reference to the priest or the church or the mass or the confessional. He does not know the great freedom taught in that Scripture, I Timothy 2:5 and 6: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." He does not know that he can go to Christ directly and that Christ has made

peace between him and God. No, the Catholic Church has put Mary in there as a intermediary and the saints and the priests and the church.

I can read the Bible and ask God's blessed Spirit to help me understand it. That is exactly what Jesus taught His disciples, that "when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). But that blessed and intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit leading him to understand God's Word, the Catholic is not free to have. He cannot go to the Bible and find whether it is proper to eat meat on Friday or during Lent—no, he must go to the church who has established the man-made rules.

So the Catholic has little acquaintance with Christ, little dependence on the Holy Spirit. It is a big church, a big priesthood, a little Jesus. It is a big Mary but a little Saviour. It is big law but little grace.

### 4. No True Roman Catholic Is Sure of Heaven

A noble young Catholic man wrote me. He was greatly impressed with THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He appealed to me that I would enter "the true church." How much good I would do, he said, if I would join the Roman Catholic Church and use whatever gifts and training I have in advancing the cause of "the true church."

I wrote him that I could not do that, first of all, because as it is now I have perfect assurance that my sins are forgiven; I have the assurance from the Word of God and from the Holy Spirit who lives within me that when I took Christ as my Saviour and relied upon Him, my sins were all forgiven and there, once for all, as they were paid for on the cross, my sins were forgiven. I was born of God and I am certain of Heaven. I told him I do not deserve this salvation, that it is all of God's grace, but it is certain because the blood of Jesus paid for it; I do not have to go through the church to get this salvation; I have already gone to Christ and when I trusted Him I received everlasting life. I told him that I could not give up this sweet peace and assurance.

I told him that I am relying on the one sacrifice forever which perfected the one who trusted in Christ according to Hebrews 10:10-14, and that now I could not put any confidence in the mass, since, after my sins were remitted through the blood of Christ, "there is no more offering for sin" (Heb. 10:18). And I urged him to find out if his priest, or if any other Catholic he knew, had sweet peace and assurance that his sins are already all forgiven, that he is now already a child of God and certain for Heaven, with all his sins forever hidden under the blood of Christ.

He was indignant. He was sure Catholics had just as much peace and assurance as anyone else did. So he went to his local priest in Tennessee. That priest assured him that no, of course, he did not know for sure that his sins were all forgiven. He hoped to go to Heaven but he would probably have to go to purgatory for a time first.

The young man was distressed so he went to a bishop and there he received the same kind of an answer. Now, getting desperate, he wrote to a number of archbishops. And again he got the same kind of answer, that none of them could know for sure that their sins were forgiven.

Distressed, he went back to the local priest and asked the priest why now there would be the sacrifice of the mass when the Bible so plainly said that Jesus had paid the whole debt by one offering forever, and that "now . . . there is no more offering for sin."

The priest scoffed at him. "Who gave you the right to interpret the Bible?" he stormed at the young man.

The young man, cut to the quick, said to the priest, "Who gave you the right to say that there is need for more offerings when the Bible says that Jesus' offering settled the matter once for all?" The priest, instead of answering him, angrily slapped his face and turned and left him.

That young man went to bed that night but tossed in torment for hours. Could no one then have any assurance of forgiveness? Was there no certainty of salvation through the blood of Christ, to one who trusted in Him? And in his groping mind there came again the Scripture of Hebrews 10:10: "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," and there he put his trust in the Lord Jesus alone and had the peace that he could not have by Catholic dogma.

I have, from time to time, contact with Catholics whom I greatly love and respect. Many of them are noble, good people and some of them, I believe, are devout Christians, by which I mean that inspite of all the false teachings of the traditions of the church, they have seen through the darkness and have come to personally trust in Jesus Christ and His atoning blood, and have rested in that and have peace as born-again children of God. But I would have to say in honesty that that is not the position of the average Catholic. And that peace, that assurance of salvation, that personal devotion to Jesus Christ, is not known by the average Catholics. They know Mary and penances and Ave Marias and confessions, but the sweet joy of settled peace, knowing sins are forgiven, knowing they are children of God, knowing they are born again, knowing they are saved and going to Heaven (and mark you, all these are Bible principles)—I say that is unusual among Catholics and that kind of settled peace of certain salvation is not usually the property of Catholics.

No, dear brother, when you talk to me about the unity of the Catholic Church, you are not talking about any Christian unity such as real born-again Christians generally have when they depend on the Word of God alone as authority and when they come to Christ personally for salvation and when they have the Holy Spirit dwelling within to guide them into the truth and comfort them.

### 5. The Autoocratic Domineering of the Catholic Church Over Its Members Dishonors Christ and the Bible

I have indicated above that the Catholic does not have the peace and happiness and freedom and spiritual enlightenment that one has who is free to go to the Bible and take the authority of the Word of God and the leadership of God's own Spirit dwelling within his body. But not only the Catholic who is domineered and ruled and bossed suffers. The Catholic must eat fish on Fridays and during Lent (or macaroni and cheese). If he reads the Bible at all he cannot find out what it means except from a Catholic theologian or some of the official literature of the church. He dare not depend on the Spirit of God to make plain the Word of God.

And not only does the poor Catholic suffer, but Christ Himself suffers, too. His crown rights are violated! The Lord Jesus who seeks to be Lord of all is put second to Mary, second to the saints and second to the rigmarole.

And the blood of Christ is not the one great element that settles salvation for the believing sinner; the great element is the church itself which may choose to dole out bit by bit any blessings that may be obtained through the blood. The Catholic's sins are forgiven only if the priest says so (and he never knows for sure then). The Catholic need not pray as to where he should help support the Gospel to get it out to all the world. The church decides that for him. And so Christ has to step into the background.

Everytime you have a high church you have a low Jesus. Everytime you have a high human priesthood you have a low divine Saviourhood. There are too many lords in the Catholic Church for Christ Jesus to be Lord of all as He claims to be and wants to be.

Do not misunderstand me, Catholics are not alone in this matter. Many Protestants and other false cults take away the liberty that is in Christ. Christ as so-called "Way Shover," must share honors with Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, "The Leader." Or some others teach that one cannot

be saved without baptism and so Jesus has to step back a bit into the background so that baptism and the church and the preacher may take a more important place. And when Southern Baptists insist that one does not truly serve God except as he supports the Co-operative Program or the denomination, that is the same kind of popery that dishonors Christ and puts the church, the organization, the leadership, the secretariat ahead of Christ and the Holy Spirit. And the pastor who insists that the tithes will not be recognized by God unless the tithes come into the church where this pastor receives his salary and where he can dominate the spending of the money—that pastor takes the part of the same popery that puts Christ in second place and puts human instruments or traditions or commandments ahead of the authority of the Holy Spirit and the authority of Christ.

But that great state church pictured in Revelation 17 with headquarters in the city of the seven hills (Rev. 17:9), that harlot woman that is called "the mother of harlots and abominations in the earth," that state church "drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus"—she is the mother of abominations and particularly the mother of this abomination of putting the church ahead of Christ, putting the ordinances ahead of Christ, putting human leaders ahead of Christ and putting the tradition and commandments of men ahead of the Word of God.

I am saying that the overlordship of the Catholic Church is not only unscriptural, utterly unknown in the Bible and in New Testament churches, but it dishonors Christ, it perverts Christianity, it takes from the lordship of Christ, it denies the freedom of the human soul before God, and in that organization men take the leadership which God plainly gave to the Holy Spirit in the individual believer.

Dear Catholic friend, I have written in love. After repeated correspondence and many, many questions and many arguments, I have felt led to go into detail. I have no hate for Catholics. I know many Catholics personally and love them. But I must protest that there is nothing like the Roman Catholic Church in the Bible. There is no papacy. There is no mass. There is no confession. There are no prayers to Mary or to the saints. And nothing could please me better than that you, dear Catholic friend, could come out into the joy and peace and personal relationship with Christ which I enjoy, knowing that my sins are forgiven, knowing that by God's mercy I am ready for Heaven where He will take me when He comes or when I die.

In Jesus' name, yours,  
John R. Rice

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## Editor's Notes

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Evangelist Walt Handford will give two messages greatly needed, "The Bible Balance Between Love and Rebuke in Preaching" and "The Perils of the Ministry." And I will give messages on the power of the Holy Spirit, on soul winning and prayer and the cost of discipleshop.

The First Baptist Church of Danville has offered to provide rooms for out-of-town preachers. By all means, if you can, plan to spend the four days, Tuesday through Friday, September 5-8, in the great Sword of the Lord conference at the First Baptist Church of Danville, Illinois. Morning services start at 9:30 a. m.; afternoon services at 2:00; evening services at 6:45.

### Have You Put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in Your Will?

You probably know that the Sword of the Lord Foundation is incorporated not for profit, chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois. You may know that all the assets are forever secured to the Foundation. Not only is it true that this editor and his family can never recover the buildings, the office equipment, and other assets owned by Sword of the Lord Foundation, but the editor takes no salary, never has taken a salary from Sword of the Lord Foundation. And all of our work, including sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to thousands of missionaries and preachers, ministerial students and others who do not and often cannot pay, sending free literature all around the world in some thirty languages, and preaching the Gospel over the radio where it can be heard by millions, requires many thousands of dollars each year.

We challenge honest Christians to check up on the work the Sword of the Lord Foundation is doing. It deserves your support if any mission work in the world does. We do not know work anywhere that is more unselfishly carried on, more thrifly careful to use God's money to get the greatest results. And we get day by day reports from people saved, reports of lives transformed, reports of people saved from false cults and modernism, reports of people surrendering to preach, reports of Christian young people encouraged to go to sound Christian schools. Only eternity can tell the amazing story of God's soul-winning blessing and His endowment of power on the work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. It deserves your help now. It surely deserves some part in the money and property you will have left when you go Home to God.

We beg you, Christian friends, do not put God's money where it will dishonor Him. Do not leave it for quarreling and lawsuits. Put some of it at least, as much as you can, where it will help carry on the Gospel when you have gone Home to Heaven and will add to your blessings and rewards through the ages in Glory! Put Sword of the Lord Foundation in your will!

Before the first of the year a great many people will want to give substantial gifts to Sword of the Lord Foundation in order that those gifts may be deductible from taxable income for this year, 1961. Up to thirty per cent of your income may be given to such out-and-out Christian nonprofit corporations as your church and Sword of the Lord Foundation, and thus be tax free. The load is heavy but God will put it on the hearts of people to help us, I am sure, in this blessed work, which He has so helped in the past.

### Yes, We Pay Four Per Cent Interest on Long-Term Loans

Again, we can use some long-term loans. If you have money to lend to Sword of the Lord Foundation, we can use it in the Lord's work. We will make a straight four per cent loan and will pay four per cent interest per annum, payable semiannually. God is helping us to pay off some loans. We could use borrowed money to take care of some large loans coming

due soon. If interested, write Dr. John R. Rice, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

### Will It Be a Second Best Seller Like "Prayer—Asking and Receiving"?

It has given me great joy that God has helped me at last to finish the long-planned book on *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*. It is on a subject of greatest interest and greatest importance. It is the most thorough Bible study that we know of on the subject of soul winning, and the tenderest preaching and explanation and entreaty that we knew how to write. Before you read this, the type will all be set and it will be printed right away. There will be, we think, over three hundred pages in the fifteen big chapters. It will be a book about the size of our big book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. It will be a companion book to that popular best seller. The price will be \$3.00. Will it prove to be a popular best seller like the big book on *Prayer* of which there has been over 180,000 copies published in English, besides half a dozen editions in foreign languages? We hope that it will!

We expect the book to be ready sometime next month. Meantime, instead of the regular price of \$3.00, you may buy it for only \$2.35 a copy, saving 65c. (Please remember to send 15c for postage and packing charges.) Better yet, you may send \$7.00 for three copies postpaid, as a prepublication price. After the book comes off the press, the regular price will be \$3.00 a copy, but we are anxious to sell many copies before it comes off the press, so we can pay the heavy cost of printing and binding; and especially because we believe that it will actually set thousands of people to winning souls! Get your copy now at the prepublication price of \$2.35, plus postage.

### Thank God for Al Byers

We have some wonderful, devoted and gifted workers at the Sword of the Lord offices. Son-in-law Walt Handford, besides being the very successful soul-winning pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, is assistant editor and very valuable. Nevin Wax heads the production department and gets more work done, more kinds of skillful work, than nearly anybody we have had in that end of the work. He supervises photography, printing, mailing, etc. My secretary, Miss Viola Walden, has been with me more than twenty-six years and her help is experienced, devoted, talented and invaluable. Bud Lyles is my radio assistant, taking more and more responsibility. Miss Fairy Shappard runs the advertising department, and she and Bill MacLeod and other helpers there make a tremendous impact with their Christian contacts, their good public relations. Miss Fairy has been with us the longest of anybody except Miss Viola and we thank God for her faithful work and her helpers.

Miss Maxine Jeffries runs the stencil and addressing department. Rex Gray does tremendous work in the shipping room. Merritt Tate is bookkeeper. Dottie Reichel is commercial artist. And oh, I can-

**Trusting**

You ask how you learn to trust Him?  
Dear child, you must just let go!

Let go of your frantic worry,  
And the fears which plague you so;

Let go of each black tomorrow  
Which you try to live today;

Let go of your fevered planning,  
He knoweth all your way.

Fear not lest your slipping fingers  
Let go of your Saviour too.—

Trusting is only knowing  
He'll not let go of you!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

## Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Lancaster School of the Bible in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, recently announced the election of Rev. Stuart E. Lease as president of the school. They also announced the coming of Rev. Thomas O. Figart, Th. M., Dean of the Baltimore School, Baltimore, Maryland, as the new dean to replace Rev. Lease.

Mr. Lease is a graduate of Lancaster School of the Bible, of Gordon College, and did graduate studies at Boston University. Since the fall of 1956 he has been dean of the Lancaster School of the Bible.

Mr. Figart, the new dean, is a graduate of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, Dallas Theological Seminary and John Hopkins University.

### His Way

God bade me go when I would stay  
('Twas cool within the wood);  
I did not know the reason why.  
I heard a boulder crashing by  
Across the path where I stood.

He bade me stay when I would go;  
"Thy will be done," I said.  
They found one day at early dawn  
Across the way I would have gone,  
A serpent with a mangled head.

No more I ask the reason why,  
Although I may not see  
The path ahead, His way I go;  
For though I know not, He doth know,  
And He will choose safe paths for me.

—The Sunday School Times.

not name all the secretaries, typists, mail readers for which we thank God.

But Al Byers is growing in importance and taking tremendous responsibility as office manager and general manager. He gets along well with the workers. He is thrifty, careful, responsible. He is taking a great load off of this editor, and I thank God for him, his beautiful young wife and their contribution to Sword of the Lord Foundation.

We need another strong secretary. She need not necessarily use shorthand, but must be a good typist, and good in English. A college graduate is preferred. She must be a devoted Christian, able to take responsibility. Or it could be a man instead of a woman. The job is a permanent job, not part time and not temporary. If you are that kind of a secretary, we need your help in the editorial department. If God moves your heart, please write John R. Rice, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

### We Must Help Dr. Bill Pay Up

It has been a great joy to my heart the way God continues to bless the Cumberland Christian Retreat on the Bill Rice Ranch at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. How devotedly and steadfastly Bill has stayed with the work of building a great conference ground and using it to win hundreds of people to Christ. I thank God for the hundreds of people saved even this summer on the Bill Rice Ranch and the other Christian people who have received great blessings. We had a really tremendous Sword of the Lord conference there the Fourth of July week. Before you read this, the Sword Family Conference there will be passed.

Hundreds of deaf young people come each year and are saved and have lives transformed. Almost no one else in the world pushes the work of winning deaf people to Christ like Dr. Bill Rice on the Bill Rice Ranch.

They have just been finishing up an eighteen-unit motel, added to a twelve-unit motel, twelve rooms in the "Honeymoon Hotels," and twenty-six rooms in the cabins. They must have more accommodations next year, more room in the tabernacle, more seats, more sidewalks. The expenses have been tremendous this year. We must help Dr. Bill pay up the summer's expenses, finish paying for the concrete block and eighteen-unit motel. He will spend

about nine months of the year in evangelistic work, but Christian people will want to take this load off of his shoulders.

Great men of God are on the board including Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga; Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University; Mr. E. E. Widner, businessman of Dallas; Mr. Ed Whitley, businessman of Wilson, North Carolina. I am glad to serve also with these distinguished people and with Bill and Cathy Rice. The Cumberland Christian Retreat is a nonprofit corporation recognized by the government, suitable for Christian gifts, which are deductible from taxable income.

Many Christians should start

out to pray every day for Cumberland Christian Retreat. If you do not now get that very unusual little western-type cowboy monthly magazine *The Branding Iron*, which goes out from the Bill Rice Ranch, send \$1.00 now for a year's subscription. Those cowboy stories and western sermonettes are rich and happy and helpful. And besides, you will want to know all that is going on in this soul-winning center, this Christian retreat and conference ground.

And many, I think, will want to help us pay the bills of the summer on the Bill Rice Ranch. So you may write Dr. Bill Rice, Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## Fairy Suggests

(A chat with the Sword's Advertising Manager, Fairy Shppard)

Beginning with the Old Testament and right up to the present time, God's relationship with the Jews has been thrilling and heart-stirring. With keen interest, I have read of the work of courageous Hebrew Christians both at home and on the foreign field, in the magazine, *Israel My Glory*. Perhaps you or your church have been looking for a Jewish mission work like this to help support. I suggest you write today for a copy of their magazine and see for yourself. The address is: The Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society, Inc., 1218-SW Chestnut St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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